



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: May 14, 2020
Submitted by: Arts and Culture Committee
Subject: Funding for Online Local Artist Talks and the Postponement of the 2020 Artist Symposium

Purpose

To advise Council of the postponement of the Artist Symposium until 2021 and to request funding to produce a series on online artist talks.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated May 14, 2020 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding Funding for Online Local Artist Talks and the Postponement of the 2020 Artist Symposium be received for information.

Background

At the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on May 4, 2020, the Committee discussed the Art Symposium and noted that the event should be postponed as it is currently difficult to project and plan into the future. The Committee also discussed hosting Artist Talks online to showcase local artists and to bring in external speakers, and as a potential replacement for this year's Port Moody Art Walk – The Shuffle. The Committee passed the following resolution:

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THAT the 2020 Artist Symposium be postponed until 2021;

AND THAT the Arts and Culture Committee request that Council approve the use of the Arts and Culture operating budget to support a series of online local artist talks, up to a maximum of \$1,500.

Discussion

The Artist Symposium Subcommittee of the Arts and Culture Committee noted that event cancellations are likely to continue into the Fall due to social distancing requirements, and that it would be difficult to approach speakers for the Symposium at this time. The Arts and Culture Committee concurred with the assessment and discussed the possibility of hosting Artist Talks online as an alternative.

The Committee noted that both the Port Moody Arts Centre and the Noons Creek Hatchery have been successfully conducting artist talks online, and that there may be an opportunity for the City to either provide support to these events, or partner with them to host its own events. The Committee also suggested reaching out to the Port Moody Public Library to gauge their interest in participating in or lending their technical expertise for these events.

The Arts and Culture Committee has an annual operating budget of \$7,500, within Cultural Service's operating budget, and is requesting up to \$1,500 from this budget to support this initiative.

Staff comments

The staff resources required to support this initiative have not yet been determined as the scope of the work and method of delivery have not yet been determined. Staff support may be lower if the funding is used to support external programs already established; however, significant support from Communications and Cultural Services is anticipated should this be a City led program, streamed through a City account.

Other Option(s)

1. THAT the report dated May 14, 2020 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding Funding for Online Local Artist Talks and the Postponement of the 2020 Artist Symposium be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated May 14, 2020 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding Funding for Online Local Artist Talks and the Postponement of the 2020 Artist Symposium be referred to staff for action.

Financial Implications

Further information on financial implications would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Further information on communication and civic engagement requirements would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Approving the use of the Arts and Culture operating budget to support a series of online local artist talks aligns with the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan objectives of creating an attractive and vibrant community through events, arts, and culture.

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