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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 79  
COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 8/75

Re: RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM THE "SEMINAR B.C. - MUNICIPALITIES AND THE ARTS"

Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator regarding the Commission's endorsement of all but one resolution that arose from the subject seminar which was sponsored by the Canadian Conference of the Arts held in Vancouver on March 2, 1975. As the C.C.A. has requested Municipal endorsement of the resolutions, this matter is now being referred to Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council endorse in principle the resolutions of the "Seminar B.C. - Municipalities and the Arts" with the exception of resolution #10.

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TO: MANAGER December 4, 1975.  
FROM: PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR  
RE: "SEMINAR B.C. - MUNICIPALITIES AND THE ARTS"  
MARCH 2, 1975

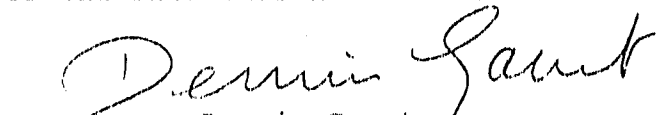
At its meeting of October 1, 1975, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject. The Commission directed that a copy of this report be referred to the Burnaby Arts Council for comment.

The Arts Council comments under date of November 24, 1975, were received by the Commission at its meeting of December 3, 1975 together with a further staff report (copy attached) commenting on the Arts Council submission.

The Commission has now endorsed in principle the resolutions of the "Seminar B.C. - Municipalities and the Arts" with the exception of Resolution #10.

The Commission has also agreed to include within the terms of reference of the Burnaby Beautification Committee, the matter of original art and the terms of reference by which such pieces could be selected and displayed within the municipality.

This report is for the information of Council.

  
Dennis Gaunt,  
ADMINISTRATOR.

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RE: SEMINAR B.C.-MUNICIPALITIES AND THE ARTS

On March 2, 1975, the Canadian Conference of the Arts sponsored a seminar in the lower mainland concerning itself with municipalities and the arts. The resolutions resulting from the seminar have been forwarded to the Mayor and Council of each municipality in British Columbia with a request that they respond to the resolutions. The resolutions are attached.

Following is a report from the Director of Recreation respecting these resolutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission endorse in principle the resolutions of the "Seminar B.C.-Municipalities and the Arts" with the exception of Resolution #10; and
2. THAT the Commission include within the terms of reference of the Burnaby Beautification Committee the matter of original art and the terms of reference by which such pieces could be selected and displayed within the Municipality.

TO: ADMINISTRATOR September 26, 1975.

FROM: DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

RE: "SEMINAR B.C. - MUNICIPALITIES AND THE ARTS"

The staff have reviewed the resolutions resulting from the March 2nd "Seminar B.C. - Municipalities and the Arts" and in general feel that Burnaby is in most cases meeting or exceeding the intent of the resolutions as stated: in relation to the establishment of goals; in relation to communication between local Government and art groups; in relation to capital development of facilities; as well as the financial support that the municipality has afforded art groups in relation to gallery operation and the general coordination and development of art programmes through the municipality. Within the last year the Parks and Recreation Commission established a Liaison Committee of staff and Commissioners to deal directly with the Burnaby Arts Council to extend understanding in relation to the needs of Council and to pursue with them their long term aspirations concerning facilities and programmes.

Resolution #9 refers to sponsoring a survey of existing art resources and events within the municipality. It is proposed that in 1976 such a survey be jointly conducted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Burnaby Arts Council. Staff would recommend support of this project.

Resolution #7 - The report makes specific reference to the establishment of a funding procedure which would allow the incorporation of original art pieces within local municipal facilities and areas. Staff are of the opinion that this recommendation has considerable merit and would recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss this item in relation to a forthcoming proposal to establish a Burnaby Beautification Committee as a sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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In conclusion, staff have encouraged the Burnaby Arts Council and the Art Gallery to extend its endeavours in relation to educating the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Municipal Council in regards to the arts generally and the activities of the Arts Council and its member groups. It is likewise recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission be responsive to the additional initiative and effort that the Arts Council is and will be extending over 1976 in an effort to promote greater understanding and appreciation of the total art scene in the Burnaby Municipality.

Resolution #10 resolves that the Municipal Act allow specifically for the formation of Arts Commissions and that each municipality appoint or otherwise select a cultural coordinator. The present structure of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the specialized staff employed for the implementation, coordination and conduct of art programmes would appear to meet this requirement within Burnaby.

To promote further division within the leisure time and cultural programmes of municipalities would not, in the opinion of staff, be a positive move at this stage in the development of such programmes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Commission endorse in principle the resolutions of the "Seminar B.C. - Municipalities and the Arts" with the exception of Resolution #10.

That the Commission include within the terms of reference of the Burnaby Beautification Committee the matter of original art and the terms of reference by which such pieces could be selected and displayed within the municipality.

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CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF THE ARTS

March 2nd "SEMINAR B.C. - MUNICIPALITIES & THE ARTS"

Resolutions

Be it resolved:

1. That municipal governments establish goals to be achieved in cultural matters as they do with park systems, transportation and social welfare services; and that artists, arts groups and other artistic resources in the community be used to help to delineate these goals.
2. That artists and arts groups ensure that municipal governments are kept aware of the cultural resources available within each community.
3. That artists and arts groups develop a community consciousness and participate in the development of municipal policies.
4. That the artistic community support municipal government in its endeavours to find new sources of revenue - including petitioning various levels of government for possible re-allocation of taxation powers - which would enable the municipalities to find increased funding for artistic development.
5. That municipal governments support permanent arts facilities concerned with planning and administration for promoting artistic development in their communities.
6. That municipal governments include in a capital development programme provision for adequate specialized facilities for the arts.
7. That municipal governments ensure that a minimum of 1% to 3% of the total construction or renovation costs of all municipal capital building projects, including education buildings, is allocated for the incorporation of original art; and that priorities be set for the awarding of commissions to local artists.
8. That municipal governments exercise the powers allocated to them by the British Columbia Heritage Act.
9. That municipal governments sponsor a survey of existing arts resources and needs within the community and that such a survey be carried out by professionally-trained people in cooperation with representatives of local arts groups.
10. That the Municipal Act allow specifically for the formation of Arts Commissions; and that each municipality appoint or otherwise select a Cultural Coordinator.
11. That there be more communication between municipalities and regions regarding the status of the arts in each area of British Columbia. In this the Union of B. C. Municipalities could play an important role. (It was suggested that a delegation of artists could attend the next U.B.C.M. meeting).

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**BURNABY ARTS COUNCIL**

6450 Gilpin Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2J3 - Telephone 298-7322

November 24, 1975.

Parks and Recreation Commission,  
C/o Amy Graham,  
Secretary,  
4949 Canada Way,  
Burnaby, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Graham:

Re: CCA Resolutions- Municipalities and the Arts

As requested by the Commission, the Burnaby Arts Council offers the following comments to the Resolutions:

- 1) We concur. The Burnaby Arts Council will be in far better position to suggest long-term goals for cultural development at the conclusion of the Cultural Survey.
- 2) This resolution implies that communication amongst arts groups and municipal agencies needs additional nurturing. We agree and feel that this is a responsibility to be shared by the Arts Council, Commission, and Fine Arts staff.
- 3) Various specific actions are now being considered by three Arts Council committees.
- 4) The Arts Council would strongly support any petition to the Provincial or Federal government in this regard. We are continuing our investigation of sources of private funds for the arts.
- 5) We believe that this resolution was meant to read "permanent arts facilities and be concerned..." Again, a resolution promoting greater communication and co-operation. We would like to see the standard of long-range planning for arts facilities raised to the same high quality as for recreational facilities as was demonstrated in the recent By-Law proposal.
- 6) We note that less than 3% of the Capital Improvements By-Law, which was narrowly defeated, was allocated to arts facilities. We would recommend that this percentage be increased when the By-Law is presented again.

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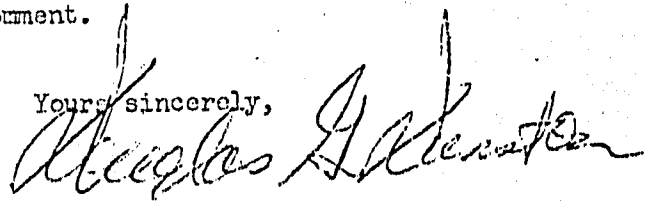
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- 7) During this period of world-wide recession and of national fiscal restraint, we would recommend that 1% be included for art work. This percentage would be subject to review when the economy begins to show signs of substantial improvement. We would hope that the Burnaby Arts Council would have at least one director on the Burnaby Beautification Committee. We would further suggest that the Burnaby Beautification Committee make use of expert advisory panels.
- 8) We agree whole-heartedly.
- 9) The Burnaby Arts Council has been assured of financial assistance to conduct Phase I of a cultural survey. A decision on Phase II funding will not be made until March 1976. We note in the Administrator's Report that "such a survey be jointly conducted..." We would like to know what steps the Commission is taking in this regard so that we can avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and produce the best possible survey.
- 10) We refer you to our Report on Autonomy. We tentatively concur with the staff recommendation on this resolution. We would recommend that it be reviewed in the light of a complete cultural survey.
- 11) The B.C. Arts Board is establishing Regional Arts Panels. A Panel which will include Burnaby is scheduled for Fall 1976. Burnaby will be in a Regional District with New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Delta and Richmond.
- It is clear to us that the Burnaby Arts Council will have some considerable influence in the establishing of this Panel. These Regional Panels will be liaising with other Regional Associations in the area.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,



Douglas G. Dunston  
 Executive Co-ordinator

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At its meeting of October 1st the Commission considered staff recommendations concerning the Seminar B. C. - Municipalities and the Arts. A copy of the report of that date is attached. The Commission then moved that the matter be referred to the Burnaby Arts Council for comment. We have now received, under date of November 24, the Arts Council's comments which are attached.

The Council has generally agreed with and endorsed the comments and recommendations of staff.

Under Item 9 of their letter the Commission's only commitments to a cultural survey are:

- (1) Staff support
- (2) A small amount of additional office floor space, which is available in the Green House for the duration of the survey.

Under Item 10 of their letter, the Council has reserved the right to review staff's recommendations on autonomy once a survey has been completed and we can expect to hear from the Council again at that time.

In view of the foregoing the following is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

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