

TO : CITY MANAGER
DATE: 1997 DECEMBER 04

FROM : DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT : VISUAL ART ADVISORY BOARD: CITY OF BURNABY ART GALLERY

PURPOSE : To request Council to approve the appointment of the nine members of the new Visual Arts Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT approval be granted to the appointment of the nine members of the new Visual Arts Advisory Board as outlined in the attached report.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1997 December 03, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.



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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT approval be granted for the appointment of the nine members of the new Visual Arts Advisory Board as outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council be asked to endorse these appointments.

REPORT

In 1997 July, City Council unanimously approved the redirection of funding in support of the visual arts in Burnaby and the transfer of the management of the Gallery, program and services to the Cultural Services Division. The administration component will be managed by professional staff commencing 1998 January 01 when City funds are redirected.

To assist in the recruitment and selection of artists and exhibitions, to provide guidance and advice on educational and outreach programs and services and to support arts awareness and fund-raising activities, a new Visual Arts Advisory Board (VAAB) is now ready to be established.

The Board consists of eight citizens and one Commission representative. The group will be convened quarterly and terms of service, yet to be assigned, will vary from one to three years with a two term renewal maximum.

Expression of interest from several citizens were received subsequent to the publication of advertisements in local newspapers in 1997 October. A special invitation was extended to members of the Burnaby Art Gallery Association but none responded.

Those recommended for appointment for the first Visual Arts Advisory Board are as follows:

1. **Annie Boulanger:** Past president Burnaby Arts Council; Arts Journalist; former member Burnaby Centennial Committee and Arts Centre Capital Campaign Committee.
2. **Joan Hess:** Director Government and Community Relations, Trans Mountain Pipe Line Co. Ltd.; Past President Burnaby B.C. Summer Games Committee; Past President Burnaby Arts Council; Vice-Chair Theatre Society at Burnaby South.
3. **Noel Hodnett:** Visual Artist; Art Educator; Curator; Cultural Projects Co-ordinator.

4. **Kathleen Tsoukalas:** Senior high school student; member International Baccalaureate Student Council; arts supporter.
5. **Tom McGauley:** Chair Burnaby Public Library Board; Poet; Educator; Collector.
6. **Carol DeFina:** Broadcast Journalist; information assistant; Art Gallery Programs Officer; adult education instructor.
7. **Carol Nymark:** Executive Director Malaspina Printmakers Society; Artist; Human Resources Manager.
8. **Abby Anderson:** Executive Director/General Manager Burnaby Chamber of Commerce; Publication Editor; Accountant.
9. Commission Representative: **Timo Sokkanen:** Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission.

It is recommended that the appointment of these citizens be made effective immediately and that Council be asked to endorse the establishment of this new Visual Arts Advisory Board at arm's length, accountable to the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission.

The exciting diversity of backgrounds, experience and levels of interest of the volunteer Board members will ensure that the new Gallery service and visual arts programs will be truly representative of the community and be very capable of providing the advice and leadership required for the establishment of the new service. Through supporting professional staff and providing a liaison with artists and the community, the VAAB will represent the first vital component of the new City of Burnaby Art Gallery service and program.

The Cultural Services Division staff will provide administrative support to the VAAB and it is recommended that the first briefing of the Board occur in 1997 December and the initial business meeting of the Board occur in January 1998.

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