

Arts & Culture Strategy Interim Update

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October 7, 2024

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Engagement



Questionnaires

- Individuals: 41
- Arts groups: 30

Workshops: June 18, 19, and 25

- Attendees: 42

Workshop attendees included:

- Ambleside Orchestra, Art Mania, Kay Meek Arts Centre, Laudate Singers, Lionsgate Sinfonia, Mascall Dance, North Shore Celtic Ensemble, North Shore Light Opera Society, North Shore Artists' Guild, Theatre West Van, Vetta Chamber Music, West Vancouver Community Arts Council, West Vancouver Historical Society, individual artists; and
- representatives from the Art Museum Advisory Panel, Ferry Building Gallery Advisory Panel, Public Art Advisory Panel, Youth Advisory Committee.

Priorities related to Policy Changes or Staff Work Plans

1. Council to confirm a location for a purpose-built arts facility that is reflective of the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan (2019)
2. Implement District of West Vancouver zoning and bylaw changes to facilitate arts activities in West Vancouver including review of the busking bylaw, ensure the recipients of Permissive Tax Exemptions provide affordable access to community groups when spaces are available as outlined in the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy, and review zoning and other regulations to encourage property owners to provide spaces to animate when they are empty
3. Ensure the availability of a variety of suitable indoor and outdoor arts spaces that are dedicated to or can accommodate arts activities including an Artist in Residence Program for District-owned available buildings
4. Develop a database of all spaces suitable for arts activity available across West Vancouver

Priorities that require financial resources

1. \$35,000 is required to install power in Horseshoe Bay Park to enable outdoor events. This request will be submitted through the 2025 budget process.
2. \$75,000 is required to install power in Ambleside Park to enable outdoor events. This request will be submitted through the 2025 budget process.
3. \$20,000 is required to advance priorities identified in the Arts Strategy Update including:
 - facilitation fees to lead strategic planning workshops to develop a long-term plan for an umbrella arts organization with members of key community cultural groups and District staff; and
 - funding to assist the arts community with a coordinated marketing campaign for the arts and culture sector that builds upon current infrastructure.

It is expected this can be achieved through reprioritization of other projects.

Process for Arts & Culture Strategy Update

October 7, 2024

present to Council key priorities with immediate implications for policy changes and budget requests for the 2025 staff work plans and budget process

October-November

meet with key community partners to discuss implementation of emerging priorities including Fee for Service partners: Kay Meek Arts Centre and West Vancouver Community Arts Council

Early 2025

present updated Arts & Culture Strategy to include emerging priorities for Council's consideration



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THAT

1. the report titled Arts & Culture Strategy Interim Update from the Senior Manager of Cultural Services dated September 27, 2024, which includes the following priorities noted below as recommended by the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, be received for information:
 - a. staff work with the arts community to develop an independent umbrella group for the arts in West Vancouver; and
 - b. Council to confirm a location for a purpose-built arts facility that is reflective of the Arts & Culture Facilities Plan (2019); and
 - c. implement District of West Vancouver zoning and bylaw changes to facilitate arts activities in West Vancouver including review of the busking bylaw, ensure the recipients of Permissive Tax Exemptions provide affordable access to community groups when spaces are available as outlined in the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy, and review zoning and other regulations to encourage property owners to provide spaces to animate when they are empty; and
 - d. ensure the availability of a variety of suitable indoor and outdoor arts spaces that are dedicated to or can accommodate arts activities including an Artist in Residence Program for District-owned available buildings; and
 - e. develop a database of all spaces suitable for arts activity available across West Vancouver; and
 - f. install infrastructure (power) in Horseshoe Bay Park and Ambleside Park to enable outdoor events; and
 - g. obtain approval of resources, including staffing and funding, to assist the arts community with a coordinated marketing campaign for the arts and culture sector that builds upon current infrastructure; and
2. staff be directed to amend the appropriate bylaws and bring forward to Council for consideration; and
3. staff be directed to submit those items requiring immediate financial resources through the 2025 budget process for Council consideration.

Thank You!
Questions?