

District of West Vancouver  
**POLICY**

Title: Cultural

Division: Parks, Culture, and Community Services

Policy Number: 0078

File Number: 0282-20-0078

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. To establish a cultural policy for the District.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all District programs related to arts and culture.
- 2.2. This policy does not apply to the West Vancouver Archives.
- 2.3. The policy does not apply to the District's Community Heritage Register or the Heritage Revitalization Agreement or heritage infrastructure.

## 3. Definitions

- 3.1. **"Arts and Culture"** is a general term to describe the cultural sector which includes visual arts, applied arts, performing arts, media arts and film, literary arts, special events, festivals, and ethno-cultural community arts and culture.
- 3.2. **"Committee"** means a Select or Standing Committee.
- 3.3. **"Community Heritage Activities"** means arts and culture displays or programs of historical value related to the District.
- 3.4. **"Council"** means the Council of the District.
- 3.5. **"District"** means The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.

## 4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. The District will encourage and support the planning, development, and programming of arts and culture, and community heritage activities.
- 4.2. The District will create and maintain an arts and culture strategy in collaboration with the arts and culture community to further develop arts and culture in the District.
- 4.3. The District will engage committees to provide staff and Council with advice and recommendations on policy issues related to arts and culture and the arts and culture strategy.
- 4.4. The District will collaborate with the West Vancouver Schools and the West Vancouver Memorial Library with the objective of achieving the maximum cultural advantage from programs offered by them in the community.

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- 4.5. The District will foster community-based cultural activities through the formation, strengthening, and expansion of non-profit societies, agencies, and organizations sponsored and operated by residents.
- 4.6. The District will maintain a Cultural Services Department within the Parks, Culture, and Community Services Division which has the mandate to:
  - a) carry out the planning, development, and operation of programs and services within the arts and culture strategy;
  - b) seek the support and active participation of the commercial segment of the community in the presentation of arts and culture; and
  - c) facilitate external resource development for arts and culture and the department.

**5. Related Documents**

- 5.1. Official Community Plan
- 5.2. Arts & Culture Strategy

**6. Approval**

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## 7. Additional Information

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<b>Related procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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