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REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

SUBJECT 2024 Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee Terms of Reference

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report is to provide the 2024 Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee (PAFSC) updated Terms of Reference for the Committee's review.

BACKGROUND

On May 8, 2024, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board passed a motion:

That the CRD Board re-establish a Select Committee to determine options and recommendations related to "scaling up" regional support for performing arts facilities in the region.

To implement this direction from the CRD Board, staff have drafted a proposed terms of reference for a re-established PAFSC (Appendix A).

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

1. That the Board delegate to the Board Chair the appointment of members to the Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee.
2. That the 2024 Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

Alternative 2

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

Alignment with Board & Corporate Priorities

In the CRD Corporate Plan (2023-2026), initiative 10b-2 states the CRD will "Scale up regional support for performing art facilities within the region." Relaunching the PAFSC with these terms of reference advances that initiative.

Financial Implications

To achieve the scope and purpose outlined in these terms of reference, certain staff support and financial allocation will be necessary. These supports are modeled on the previous PAFSC. In 2021, CRD Board approved \$150,000 for the Feasibility Fund to support the work of the previous PAFSC (in 2021 and 2022). The unspent portion of that Feasibility Fund was returned by way of negative requisition in Budget 2024.

A new allocation to the Feasibility Fund to support PAFSC, like the one that supported the previous PAFSC, has been included in the planning for Budget 2025. As with the previous PAFSC, public engagement may be necessary. A consultant would be engaged to design and facilitate the process and report on outcomes. Costs for a limited region-wide public engagement process is estimated to be \$50,000. Staff support for research, planning and policy development will be provided by the Arts and Culture Division with administrative support from Legislative Services. Staff support is estimated at \$20,000 in 2024 (to be recovered as part of Budget 2025) and \$62,000 in 2025.

CONCLUSION

After their annual strategic check-in, the CRD Board directed staff to take steps to re-establish a PAFSC. Staff have prepared draft terms of reference for the proposed Select Committee as the first step of its relaunch.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board delegate to the Board Chair the appointment of members to the Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee.
2. That the 2024 Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: 2024 Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee Terms of Reference