

**REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019**

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**SUBJECT**     **Facilitate a Discussion of the Region's Art Facilities Needs and Explore Partnerships to Support 100% Participation in the CRD Arts Function**

**ISSUE**

Alignment of the CRD Board approved initiative 12a-1 "to facilitate a discussion of the region's art facilities needs and explore partnerships to support 100% participation in the CRD arts function" through the establishment of a Select Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

A number of jurisdictions in the region have expressed the need for different types of purpose-built arts facilities. Facilities are the necessary infrastructure for the performance, exhibition and community activities that support the intrinsic, instrumental and economic benefits that result from activities of the arts and culture sector.

Arts venues are costly to design, build, operate and maintain and typically require the support of the public as well as local and senior levels of government. Their success and sustainability depends on a sound business case that supports a location and design that aligns with regional growth patterns and requirements.

The CRD arts funding function is a sub-regional service provided by the Arts & Culture Support Service. Only nine jurisdictions in the CRD participate in this Service that provides support to the arts and culture sector. However, the intrinsic and instrumental benefits that result accrue to the entire region.

CRD 2019–2022 Corporate Plan initiative 12a-1 would examine the issues related to 100% regional participation in a service that would deal with arts facilities and regional arts funding. To explore an issue affecting the entire region, a Board appointed Select Committee ensures that all jurisdictions and concerns are included in the research and engagement process.

Draft Terms of Reference for a Select Committee tasked with initiative 12a-1 are attached to this report. To assist the Select Committee in its work, the services of an outside contractor to design and facilitate a stakeholder engagement program and issue a full report would be required.

Initiative 12a-1 is currently assigned to the Arts & Culture Service; however, there are no resources or activities allocated to this initiative in this or any approved 2019 service plan. Action on 12a-1 in 2019 will require a change to the approved service plan and reallocation of current resources. The 2019 service plan and budget for a website pilot project has been identified for potential reallocation.

Deferring the resourcing of Corporate Plan initiative 12a-1 to the 2020 service plan and budget process would provide staff direction to proceed with the website pilot in 2019 as currently planned.

**ALTERNATIVES**

**Alternative 1**

That the Governance and Finance Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the allocation of resources for a Select Committee to facilitate a discussion of the region's art facilities needs and partnerships that would support 100% participation in the CRD arts function be deferred to the 2020 service planning and budget process.

**Alternative 2**

That the Governance and Finance Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Capital Regional District Board create and resource a Select Committee in 2019 to facilitate a discussion of the region's art facilities needs and partnerships that would support 100% participation in the CRD arts function using resources reallocated from the 2019 web pilot project.

**Alternative 3**

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

**IMPLICATIONS**

There are intersectional implications related to planning, social, financial and intergovernmental areas of concern. Regional facilities need to be located and resourced appropriately and the development of an arts facility intended to serve the region requires consensus to ensure the support of multiple levels of government and the sustainability of venue operations.

There are no resources or activities allocated to this initiative in any approved 2019 service plan. Action on 12a-1 in 2019 will require a change to the approved service plan and reallocation of current resources. The 2019 service plan and budget for a website pilot project has been identified for potential reallocation. Deferring the resourcing of Corporate Plan initiative 12a-1 to the 2020 service plan and budget process would provide staff direction to proceed with the website pilot in 2019 as currently planned.

**CONCLUSION**

The 2019-2022 Corporate Plan initiative 12a-1 to "Facilitate a discussion of the region's art facility needs & explore partnerships to support 100% participation in the CRD arts function" is unresourced in the 2019 budget year. To proceed with this initiative in 2019 would require reallocation of resources from current projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Governance and Finance Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board: That the allocation of resources for a Select Committee to facilitate a discussion of the region's art facilities needs and partnerships that would support 100% participation in the CRD arts function be deferred to the 2020 service planning and budget process.

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Attachment: Proposed Terms of Reference, Select Committee on Regional Arts Facilities and Arts Participation