



POLICY

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DEPARTMENT:	Recreation and Culture		

POLICY STATEMENT

The City recognizes the significance of art to community life and encourages a wide variety of creative expressions through:

- Encouragement and maintenance of a positive relationship between the City of Grande Prairie and the various Arts Organizations;
 - Provision of a leadership role by City Administration through consultation and referral services for board development;
 - Facilitation of the establishment of an Arts Advisory Committee to represent the needs of the Arts Community;
 - Stimulation and support of various art forms and/or cultural initiatives in partnership with the Arts Community;
 - Encouragement of cooperative/joint ventures with regards to facility development for the Arts;
 - Identification and facilitation of involvement of the private sector in the development of public Art facilities; and
 - Acceptance of donations and/or bequests of public Art.
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REASON FOR POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the value and importance of the Arts to the community, establish the municipal role with respect to the development of the Arts in Grande Prairie and provide a framework within which the City of Grande Prairie can support and stimulate development of the Arts to its full potential.

RELATED INFORMATION

1997 Recreation Master Plan which reflects policy development and recommendations or a diversity of leisure activities to include the Arts and Culture.

“Cultural Opportunities and Facilities Plan, January 2003”, which reflects the cultural opportunities and facilities within the community.

Policy 205, “Development & Maintenance of Community Use Facilities”, clarifies capital and/or operating funding eligibility for public facilities operated by not for profit groups, for which Arts interest groups are included.

Procedure 205•1, “Community Group Funding Request”, identifies process whereby community groups may request financial assistance for the development and maintenance of community use facilities and programs in accordance with current City policies and procedures.

“Arts Development Fund”, as part of 1995 Canada Winter Games Legacy, to support and encourage programs or projects. Through an application process, which foster and promote the enjoyment of visual, literary and performing Arts by local artists and groups, provide scholarships to developing artists, and consider one time funding for unique local capital projects.

“Festival Grant Fund”, as part of the City’s annual operating budget and through an application process, to support and encourage the provision of a variety of festivals within the community by groups or individuals for local enjoyment and to attract visitors to Grande Prairie.

DEFINITIONS

Recreation: All freely chosen activities engaged in during leisure or free time, including fitness, sport, social activities, arts, culture and passive and active outdoor recreation.

Arts: Refers, to but is not restricted to all forms and traditions of dance, drama music, music theatre, visual arts, crafts, design, written and oral literature, all of which serve as a means for individual and collective creativity and expression through performance, execution, presentation, exhibition and study.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

The City of Grande Prairie recognizes its role in encouraging cooperative/joint ventures among members of the Arts community to maximize and share resources for optimum Arts interaction, and increase efficiency of space and operation, including the facilitation of involvement of the private sector in the development of public Art facilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Community Development Committee