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Policy on the Arts

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1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. The City of Grande Prairie (City) recognizes the value of the Arts in enhancing community life and is committed to fostering a vibrant and inclusive Arts sector.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Council policy (policy) is to:

- 2.1. recognize the value and importance of the Arts to the community;
- 2.2. establish the municipal role with respect to the development of the Arts in the City; and
- 2.3. provide a framework within which the City can support and stimulate development of the Arts to its full potential.

3. Definitions

In this policy:

- 3.1. **"Administration"** means officers, directors, supervisors or any other employee of the City.
- 3.2. **"Arts"** refers to, but is not restricted to, all forms and traditions of dance, drama, music, musical theatre, visual arts, crafts, design, and 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.
- 3.3. **"Arts and Culture Fund"** means a legacy fund of the 1995 Canada Winter Games. Through an application process, awarded funds support and encourage programs, projects and festivals. The fund:
 - 3.3.1. fosters and promotes the enjoyment of visual, literary and performing Arts by local artists and groups;
 - 3.3.2. provides scholarships to developing artists;
 - 3.3.3. considers one time funding for unique local capital projects; and



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- 3.3.4. supports and encourages the provision of a variety of festivals within the community for local enjoyment and to attract visitors to the City.
- 3.4. **"City"** means the municipal corporation of The City of Grande Prairie, having authority under the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 C. M-26 and other applicable legislation. Where context requires, City also means the area included within the municipal boundaries of the City.
- 3.5. **"Community Advisory Committee"** means the committee established under [Bylaw C-1422 Boards and Committees](#) to advise the City on significant recreation and cultural projects.

4. General Principles

- 4.1. The City is committed to supporting the Arts through:
 - 4.1.1. Encouragement and maintenance of a positive relationship between the City and the various Arts organizations;
 - 4.1.2. Provision of a leadership role by City Administration through consultation and referral services for board and organizational development;
 - 4.1.3. Utilization of the Community Advisory Committee to support the needs of the Arts community;
 - 4.1.4. Stimulation and support of various art forms and/or cultural initiatives in partnership with the Arts community;
 - 4.1.5. Encouragement of cooperative/joint ventures with regards to facility development for the Arts;
 - 4.1.6. Providing grant opportunities through the Arts and Culture Fund;
 - 4.1.7. Identification and facilitation of involvement of the private sector in the development of public Arts facilities; and
 - 4.1.8. Consideration and potential acceptance of donations and/or bequests of public art, subject to review and approval by City Administration to ensure alignment with municipal priorities and standards.

5. Related Information

- 5.1. **Recreation and Culture Strategy (2024)**
 - 5.1.1. The Strategy contains recommendations that touch upon every aspect of Grande Prairie's recreation and culture landscape.
 - 5.1.2. In the area of community capacity, there is a recommendation to develop a renewed vision for Arts and culture.



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- 5.1.3. The Strategy is aligned with the Creative City Canada Policy Framework and Spirit of Alberta cultural strategies.

6. Responsibilities

- 6.1. City Council will review and approve any revisions to this policy.
- 6.2. City Manager will review and approve any procedures related to this policy.
- 6.3. City Administration will carry out this policy based on established procedures.

7. Version History

Action	Date	Description
New Policy	2003/02/24	
Revision	2025/08/26	New template applied. Updates made to outdated references. New definitions added. Adjustments made to the wording for alignment with changes and clarity.