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To: Central Cariboo/City of Williams Lake Joint Committee

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services

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Short Summary:

Central Cariboo Arts and Culture 2026 Business and Financial Plans

Voting:

Ratification Required by CRD

Memorandum:

The attached 2026 business plan goals and financial plan for the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture function (CRD Bylaw 4420) were developed as part of the annual planning and management process. These documents are presented to the Central Cariboo Joint Committee for information, discussion and endorsement prior to final acceptance by the Regional District Board.

The 2026 requisition is increased 3% amounting to \$7,185 for a total current requisition of \$246,676. Matching funding for external grants to undertake an arts centre expansion feasibility study is included for consideration in 2026. A 3% increase is included each year thereafter to account for maintenance of the service agreement commitments contained within the business plan.

The 2025 requisition was increased by 3% from the 2024 requisition.

The three-year Fee for Service contribution agreements with ten arts and culture groups are continued in 2025 with a total of \$89,500 provided through the CCACS function.

The annual project grant program delivered by the CCACS has been stabilized at \$20,000 for the term of the financial plan. This funding level has been adequate to support most of the qualifying applications received; however, the objective is to increase awareness and utilization of the program, which in time may result in limitations on funding support provided.

Included in the 2026 financial plan is:

- i) A continuation of the annual arts and culture project grants delivered by the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture Society funded at \$20,000.
- ii) Fee for Service Agreements with nine community groups are funded at \$83,000, which is the existing 2025 amount for each group. An additional \$6500 is available in the financial plan to increase these amounts or add new agreements. These changes will be brought forward to the joint committee as recommendations through the CCACS.

Current agreements include:

\$38,000 Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin
\$22,500 Station House Gallery
\$ 5,000 Community Arts Council of Williams Lake
\$ 4,000 Cedar City Museum in Likely
\$ 4,000 Pioneer Museum in Horsefly
\$ 3,000 150 Mile Old School House Historic Site
\$ 2,500 Scout Island Nature Centre – Art in Nature Program
\$ 2,000 Women’s Contact Society Children’s Festival
\$ 2,000 Williams Lake Studio theatre

- iii) Funding support for Performances in the Park in the amount of \$22,000 annually.
- iv) A Canada Day celebration contribution to the City of Williams Lake for \$1,500.
- v) Renewal of the five-year service delivery agreement with the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture Society, which amounts to \$116,000 in 2025 and includes management and operations of the arts centre in Williams Lake. A modest increase to account for some inflationary pressures of utilities and insurance is expected to be included in the renewal.

An important 2026 goal included in the business plan for the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture Society is to undertake a feasibility study for improvements and potential expansion of the Arts Centre. It is intended that the funding identified in the 2026 budget be available for matching support from external grant programs. The study will assess opportunities for community needs, efficiency, improvements, and long-term feasibility to maximize use and income of the facilities.

Attachments:

1. Central Cariboo Arts and Culture 2026 Business Plan
2. Central Cariboo Arts and Culture 2025-30 Financial Plan

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

As part of the joint governance approach to the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture function, the plans are presented for review of the Joint Committee prior to final acceptance by the Regional District Board through its annual financial planning process.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.
- Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.
- Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

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Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendation;
- 2) Other action at the direction of the committee;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture 2026 Business and Financial plans be endorsed as presented.