



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2023

TITLE: Council Delegation - Allied Arts Council - 2022 Annual Report

DIVISION: Community & Protective Services

SUMMARY:

Members of the Allied Arts Council come before City Council annually to provide an update of their activities over the past year. The City contributed \$30,000 towards their 2022 operation to promote and develop visual arts in Spruce Grove.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

For 42 years, the City of Spruce Grove has supported the work of the Allied Arts Council in its mission of providing, promoting, and furthering the visual arts and culture opportunities for the enrichment of our community. In recognition of this mission, the City of Spruce Grove provides an annual fee-for-service grant to assist the programs and operation of the Allied Arts Council and the art gallery currently located in a portion of the Cultural Center building.

Over the past year, the City's financial contribution has contributed to the following Allied Arts Council activities:

- Hosted a show which featured Alberta Indigenous Artists.
- Hosted eight feature artists all with varying styles.
- Returned for the 20th year to hosting an in person High School Show.
- Hosted events in September to celebrate Alberta Culture Days.
- Partnered with local businesses and had small shows outside of the gallery. The “Your Walls Our Art” program allows businesses to host up to 10 pieces of art for a predetermined period of time.

- Continued to collaborate with the City Recreation and Culture department on the Municipal Art Collection and the recently installed mural on the west wall of the Agrena.

The City's fee-for-service grant represents approximately 30 per cent of the organization's revenue, with other sources of revenue for the Allied Arts Council operations secured through other government grants, program registration, member fees, art sales, donations, raffles, and other fundraising initiatives.

The Allied Arts Council continues to operate out of the Cultural Center/Library building and provides an opportunity for residents to enhance their appreciation of the visual arts and to develop personal artistic skills through information, training, and sharing of a wide variety of the fine arts activities.

The Allied Arts Council appreciates the opportunity to present to City Council annually to provide an overview and financial report of their previous year of operations.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

n/a

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

n/a

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The City's \$30,000 of approved funding for the Allied Arts Council in 2022 was made up of \$22,500 from base budget and an additional \$7,500 through the public budget submission process. The annual base budget from 2023 onwards was set at \$30,000.