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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **May 12, 2000**

FROM: **General Manager**
Parks, Recreation and Culture FILE: **0042-077**

SUBJECT: **Public Art Advisory Committee Report - January to March, 2000**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND

The Public Art Policy for Surrey was adopted as a City Policy No. R-21 on May 4, 1998 (R98-1293A). The Public Art Advisory Committee was officially appointed by City Council on October 13, 1998. The Committee has been asked to report to Council regarding their activities on a quarterly basis. This report summarizes the activities of the Public Art Advisory Committee for the first quarter of 2000.

DISCUSSION

The Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) continued to oversee the development and implementation of the new Public Art Program, with meetings held January 28 and March 3. In order to more fully explore the opportunities presented by the projects included in the Public Art Master Plan 2000-2002, and to determine more specific directions, they also participated in a full day workshop on February 12.

Public Art Projects

Quibble Creek Pump Station

In March, PAAC approved the recommendation of the Selection Panel to accept the proposal by Susan Ockwell and Alex Percy for the Quibble Creek Pump Station. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by

June, 2000.

Ocean Park Library

Based upon their review of the context and physical structure of the new Ocean Park Library, PAAC approved the Call to Artists that invites interested artists to submit credentials to propose public art for this facility. Specifically, the Call states that the City of Surrey is seeking an artist to create site-integrated art which conceptually strengthens the link between the library's interior and the garden. The art work must be safe, durable, highly visible, and low maintenance; it must also display a high level of skill, intent, imagination and creativity. The total value of the public art proposal will be \$13,125. The Call was released March 17 and the deadline for submissions was Thursday, April 20. The Selection Panel will include an arts professional and two community members representing local organizations.

Public Art Master Plan 2000-2002

At the February 12 workshop, the Committee focused on the more detailed visual and written information gathered on each project included in the Public Art Master Plan 2000-2002. With particular attention paid to those projects coming forward in year 2000, PAAC began refining the direction and scope of work for the Plan's projects, giving consideration to the context, timeline, and budgetary allotment for each site.

CONCLUSION

In the past quarter, the Public Art Advisory Committee confirmed the selection of artists for the Quibble Creek Pump Station and initiated the Call to Artists for the Ocean Park Library. PAAC also held a full day workshop on February 12 to review future directions and opportunities. The specific motions of the January 28 and March 3 meetings are attached.

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Attach.