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TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: May 22, 2001**

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

SUBJECT: Public Art Advisory Committee Report – January - March 2001

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND

The Public Art Policy for Surrey was adopted in principle on June 23, 1997 and confirmed as a City Policy No. R-21 on May 4, 1998 (R98-1293A). The Public Art Advisory Committee was officially appointed by City Council October 13, 1998.

This report summarizes the activities of the Public Art Advisory Committee for the first quarter of 2001.

DISCUSSION

The Public Art Advisory Committee held two regular meetings in this quarter.

Public Art Projects

Surrey Arts Centre Redevelopment

On February 2nd Alan Storey, the selected artist for the Surrey Arts Centre Redevelopment made a presentation to PAAC. Alan displayed slides and photographs of his previous work in Montreal and Vancouver as well as provided information regarding other public art projects that he is currently working on. Mr. Storey stated that the project for the SAC is site responsive and will be activated by motion detectors that respond to the flow of people in and around the building. Alan continues to work on word selection with the City's Diversity Advisory Committee.

Crescent Beach Community Art Project

The final proposal for the Crescent Beach Community Art Project, *Memory Stones at Crescent Beach* by artist Tina Farmilo was reviewed and approved by PAAC on March 16th.

Street Banner Report and Standing Committee

On March 16th, PAAC approved the terms of reference for the Street Banner Selection Sub-committee as outlined in the Corporate Report on Street Banners. Appointed to the Street Banner Selection Sub-Committee are: Anna Villaruz , a student from Kwantlen University College; Lorna Rande, a Surrey based photographer recommended by the Surrey Chamber of Commerce; and Mr. Ravinder Singh Dhir, the liaison to the Sub-committee from PAAC.

Greenways and Public Art

On February 2nd, PAAC voted to defer any Greenway public art projects until budgets could be established.

Public Art Program Evaluation

On February 2nd PAAC received information that Diane Jantzen of Jantzen & Associates has been contracted to conduct an independent review of the Public Art Program.

Public Art Policy Review

In accordance with Section D.5, Overall Policy Review Cycle, PAAC and the Interdepartmental Art Team have been continuing to review the Policy to consider making recommendations to Council, any changes or updates. These changes will be summarised in a corporate report for Council's consideration in June, as per the Public Art Policy.

Public Art Master Plan 2001-2003 Update

On March 16th, PAAC tabled the Public Art Master Plan 2001 - 2003 until City Council approves the Five Year Capital Plan. PAAC will then review the Master Plan and make a recommendation to Council. This is estimated for June 2001.

Liaison Meeting with Council

On March 16th, PAAC moved to send a letter indicating their willingness to meet with Council and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to discuss any issues and to review progress over the past 3 years.

CONCLUSION

In the three years since Council approved the Public Art Policy, five projects have been completed. There are currently four projects underway.

The Public Art Advisory Committee has seen its first shift in membership and continues to provide solid and considered direction to the overall Public Art Program.

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Manager of Parks, Recreation
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