

Report to Council



Date: June 1, 2020
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Cultural Policy No. 274 Update
Department: Active Living & Culture

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Active Living & Cultural Services Department, dated June 1, 2020, regarding the Cultural Policy;

AND THAT Council Policy No. 274, being the Cultural Policy, be revised as outlined in the Report from Cultural Services Manager, dated June 1, 2020.

Purpose:

To seek approval to revise Council Policy No. 274, being the Cultural Policy.

Background:

The Cultural Policy No. 274 was adopted in 1990 with recognition that culture is important to the well-being of the community, the quality of life for residents and the economic vibrancy of the city. The Policy provides direction for the City in the development, management and administration of cultural services.

The Cultural Policy covers a wide range of City services and demonstrates the requirement for a cross-departmental approach to cultural development. The successful fulfillment of cultural objectives is a team effort which will, in turn, support the fulfillment of City-wide objectives.

Discussion:

With the City's recent update of Council policies, staff have completed a review of the Cultural Policy No. 274. The proposed revisions to this Policy include formatting, removal of outdated or operational information and the inclusion of new information to accurately represent existing commitments.

The administrative or operational items that exist in the current policy have been removed. This information is intended to be available in a variety of documents such as administrative procedures,

Cultural Plan or program guidelines and is not required in the Council policy. Some entities and initiatives referred to in the existing policy have concluded or no longer exist in their previous form, and therefore no longer need representation. New information has been included to represent the City's already existing commitments to the development, management and administration of cultural services.

Notable revisions are described below and have been categorized by their respective section in the policy.

Cultural and Heritage Planning

- This section includes our commitment to the importance of collaborating and engaging with the syilx/Okanagan people when conducting cultural and heritage planning efforts. It further illustrates our desire to work collectively with Indigenous partners to enhance the representation of Indigenous art and artists within the community.
- The statements regarding other community plans has been removed.

Land Use

- The following statements have been removed from this section:
 - Agriculture and the design guidelines. Their importance and relationship to the City are identified in the Official Community Plan.
 - Appointment of a Community Heritage Commission. This Commission is no longer active.
 - Heritage Tree Inventories. The inventory is outdated and the program is being reimagined.

Cultural Facilities

- Removal of information about KCT being owned and operated by the City. Statement is accurate but not required in this policy.

Funding Support

- This section has been condensed with a focus on the commitment to providing support to arts, culture and heritage organizations and redirecting focus on the details of that support being found in the recently approved Community Grant Policy No. 380.
- There is a new inclusion on the commitment to Sister Cities program and reference to the Sister Cities Policy No. 355 for additional details.
- A new commitment has been included to identify the support of the City of Kelowna in further developing the capacity and sustainability of the non-profit sector.

The updates to the Funding Support section do not request additional budget allocation, but rather demonstrate the City's already existing commitments to supporting cultural development.

Public Art

- Reflects the existing increase of the minimum contribution to the Public Art Reserve Fund from \$100,000 to \$130,000. This increase in contribution has already occurred, the policy revision reflects the current amount.

Conclusion:

This Policy, if approved by Council, will include changes in formatting, the removal of outdated or operational information and the accurate representation of existing commitments to cultural development. The revisions proposed are in alignment with the 2020-2025 Cultural Plan and continues to be the foundation for our commitment to cultural development in Kelowna.

Internal Circulation:

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Considerations applicable to this report:

Existing Policy:
Cultural Policy No. 274

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Financial/Budgetary Considerations
External Agency/Public Comments
Communications Comments

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