

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

1. TEXT AMENDMENT: Report Back on the Arts Event Licence Pilot Program

Summary: To amend the Zoning and Development By-law to change the definition of "Arts and Culture Indoor Event" to increase frequency of events from two to three days per month. If approved, Council will consider related amendments to the Licence By-law and Vancouver Building By-law.

Applicant: General Manager of Community Services

Referral: This item was referred to Public Hearing at the Regular Council Meeting of September 29, 2015.

Recommended Approval: By the General Manager of Planning and Development Services:

- A. THAT, based on the positive outcomes of the two-year pilot, the Arts and Culture Indoor Event Licence ("Arts Event Licence") be adopted as a permanent program.
- B. THAT the application to amend the Zoning and Development By-law to change the definition of "Arts and Culture Indoor Event" to increase frequency of events from two to three days per month, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Policy Report dated September 21, 2015, entitled "Report Back on the Arts Event Licence Pilot Program", be approved.
- C. THAT, subject to enactment of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendments to the Licence By-law to change the definition of "Arts and Culture Indoor Event" to increase frequency of events from two to three days per month, to add the words "series of events" to the Licence term to simplify the approval process, and to reduce the fee for event series, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Policy Report dated September 21, 2015, entitled "Report Back on the Arts Event Licence Pilot Program".
- D. THAT, subject to enactment of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the amendments to the Building By-law to increase maximum site capacity to 250 people for artist studios, in alignment with other facility types, to relax the emergency lighting requirements for single-toilet washrooms, to add office spaces to the eligible spaces under this program, and to clarify accessibility requirements, generally in accordance with Appendix C of the Policy Report dated September 21, 2015, entitled "Report Back on the Arts Event Licence Pilot Program".

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