

MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Cultural Performances at Council Meetings

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Ladner. Councillor Louie called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of December 15, 2005.

WHEREAS:

1. The Mayor has announced his commitment to the arts and our artists, by seeking to establish a new Vancouver Arts Partnership Agreement with the federal and provincial governments to provide for significantly larger investments in arts infrastructure throughout the City of Vancouver;
2. The contract with the Greater Vancouver Alliance for Arts and Culture Society to arrange cultural performances at Council meetings expires at year end;
3. Civic funding in support of the arts community should be directed to initiatives that connect artists to the community, rather than to the provision of entertainment for City Councillors;
4. The City currently has a variety of recognition programs and awards which highlight the contribution of Vancouver artists to our city, including:
 - i. Vancouver Arts Awards
 - ii. City of Vancouver Book Award
 - iii. City of Vancouver Artist Residency Award
 - iv. City of Vancouver Artist Studio Rental Award
 - v. Starwalk/BC Entertainment Hall of Fame
 - vi. Freedom of the City

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT in the 2006 operating budget the \$18,000 allocated to fund cultural performances at Council meetings be reallocated to increase general cultural grants.

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