

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: November 20, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Andy Beesley, Director Civic Facilities and Events

SUBJECT: Arts Hall of Fame

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated November 20, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled "Arts Hall of Fame".

PURPOSE:

At the September 25, 2023 Council meeting, a resolution was passed to "Instruct administration to invite the Community Arts Council to work together to establish an award installing inductees to an Arts Hall of Fame that would hold an event recognizing the inductees and establish a recognition board in a visible location in City Hall and if appropriate, in a civic building dedicated to the Arts".

BACKGROUND:

Administration met with representatives from the Community Arts Council (CAC) to review this direction and to discuss the potential for their organization to participate in this endeavor. The CAC expressed interest and willingness to add this to their 2024 strategic planning exercise in order to determine their capacity to take on this project, with some discussion about the scope and workload around taking on this relatively significant project. The CAC also acknowledged that if they decide to formally explore this opportunity, they would likely seek required additional resources. Administration expressed our willingness to provide space(s) and assistance with installations at City Hall and other possible civic facilities. Administration will follow up with the CAC early in 2024 after their strategic planning session to further explore their interest and ability to take this project on, and will report back to Council.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The potential for an Arts Hall of Fame aligns with Council's priorities including:
Economic Diversity and Growth Priorities: Market Prince George as a place to invest, live and visit;
Social Health and Well-Being: Maximize the quality of life for all residents.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no immediate financial considerations, however, after the CAC's response from their strategic planning exercise, this topic will be revisited and reported to Council as needed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The Community Arts Council is willing to consider the idea of an Arts Hall of Fame during their 2024 strategic planning process. Administration has expressed our interest and support in working with them on this project. A report will be returned to Council early in 2024 after learning the CAC's response to this request.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Andy Beesley, Director, Civic Facilities and Events

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2023/11/20