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**MEETING TYPE:** Regular Council Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** May 7, 2024  
**AUTHOR:** Matt Vader, Director Parks, Recreation and Culture  
**DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation and Culture  
**ITEM TITLE:** fish:BOWL a collaborative art project  
**DESCRIPTION:** An art project aimed to foster community engagement among youth and seniors while revitalizing the artwork at the Skateboard Park and the two TownWalls

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**PURPOSE**

Does the funding request from the Lake Country Art Gallery meet Council’s intention for the Community Engagement Grant?

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Community Engagement Grant request in the amount of \$3,000 from the Lake Country Art Gallery for the fish:BOWL project be approved.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Starting in 2021, Council has an annual budget of \$15,000 for the Community Engagement Grant. The grant has proved to be a great tool for engagement and inclusion of community groups and organizations to deliver projects in partnership with the District to enhance the community.

The proposal that forms the basis of this report is a collaborative project spearheaded by the Lake Country Art Gallery in partnership with artist Troy Teichrib, Lake Country Seniors Society, Tapin: Creative Safe Space for Teens, local youth and the District’s Parks, Recreation and Culture department. The project is slated for late May to early June, coinciding with warmer weather. Tapin: Creative Safe Space for Teens participants will have the opportunity to contribute to the Skateboard bowl's artwork, and seniors will be provided with materials and resources to lend their creative voices to the TownWalls.

This project aims to foster community engagement among youth and seniors while revitalizing the artwork at the Skateboard Park and the two TownWalls and will take place under the mentorship of urban UBCO MFA artist Troy Teichrib. Lake Country Art Gallery will oversee and coordinate all aspects of the project, including media, budgets, and supplies.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

This application embodies the concept for this grant when it was originally presented to Council and then subsequently supported. This grant was an opportunity for the community to come together with ideas along with funds or resources or support for their idea. While these involve differing levels of support from the District, the concept is the same, creating a better community.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS AND POLICY**

Under section 8 of the Community Charter, Fundamental Powers, a municipality has the right to provide assistance except that Council must not provide a grant, benefit, advantage, or other form of assistance to a business including an exemption from a tax or fee (section 25). Business is defined as carrying on a commercial or industrial activity or undertaking of any kind and providing professional, personal, or other services for the purpose of gain or profit. Legislation does not define assistance to non-profit organizations although nearly all

municipalities in BC set out policies restricting funding to only non-profit organizations registered under the BC Corporate Registry. A non-profit is considered an organization, not a business under the Community Charter therefore, there is no prohibition on a municipality from providing assistance to non-profits as legislation only applies to businesses.

### **IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES AND STAFF CAPACITY (if applicable)**

There are no anticipated impacts on infrastructure, services or staff capacity.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None       Budget Previously Approved       Other (see below)

The 2024 Financial Plan identifies a budget of \$15,000 for the Community Engagement Grant. The request for the fish:BOWL project is for \$3,000.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Lake Country Art Gallery will oversee and coordinate all aspects of the project, including media.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- Create and Support Opportunities for a Healthy, Active and Inclusive Community
- Create Infrastructure That Meets Community Needs
- Encourage Growth of the Downtown Core
- Ensure Sustainable Water Service Delivery for the Community
- Explore Opportunities to Engage With Regional Local Governments for the Betterment of the Community
- Honour Reconciliation by Strengthening Relationships and Inclusiveness With Our Indigenous Partners
- Identify and support improvements to the Development Process
- Implement the Agricultural Plan
- Preserve, Protect and Enhance Our Natural Environment
- Secure long term wastewater service delivery for our community
- Support Opportunities to Diversify Lake Country's Tax Base

### **ALIGNMENT WITH MASTER PLANS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Plan                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Official Community Plan                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Action Charter                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2019               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Needs Report                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer System Map                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Waste Management Plan Stage 1/2 Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Future Plan-Central Okanagan Region-DRAFT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McCoubrey Plateau Area Structure Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation for Tomorrow                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Master Plan                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Master Plan                                 |

### **OPTIONS**

- A. THAT the Community Engagement Grant request in the amount of \$3,000 from the Lake Country Art Gallery for the fish:BOWL project be approved.
- B. THAT the Community Engagement Grant request in the amount of \$3,000 from the Lake Country Art Gallery for the fish:BOWL project be denied.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matt Vader, Director Parks, Recreation and Culture

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**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Trevor James, CFO, Director of Finance & Administration - Apr 30, 2024 - 9:21 AM**

**Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services - Apr 30, 2024 - 9:28 AM**

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer - Apr 30, 2024 - 12:14 PM**