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Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - March 20, 2003

Item No. 1 2003 Final Operating Grants to Cultural Organizations
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee amended the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submits the following to Council:

1. That the final installments for the 2003 Primary Operating Grants be approved to the following cultural organizations:

Organization	Category	2003 Interim Operating Grant Received	2003 Final Operating Grant Recommendation	Total 2003 Operating Grant Recommendation
Royal Winnipeg Ballet	Dance	$79,200.00	$184,800.00	$264,000.00
Festival du Voyageur	Festivals/Specials	$25,350.00	$59,150.00	$84,500.00
Folk Arts Council of Winnipeg Inc.	Festivals/Specials	$29,400.00	$68,600.00	$98,000.00
Winnipeg Art Gallery	Museums & Galleries	$102,000.00	$238,000.00	$340,000.00
Manitoba Opera	Music	$16,260.00	$37,940.00	$54,200.00
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra	Music	$53,370.00	$124,530.00	$177,900.00
Manitoba Theatre Centre	Theatre	$48,000.00	112,000.00	$160,000.00
Prairie Theatre Exchange	Theatre	$18,300.00	$42,700.00	$61,000.00

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be amended by deleting Recommendation 2 in its entirety in order that the final operating grant can be disbursed to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 20, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Arts Council and approved the 2003 Final Operating Grants to cultural organizations, and submitted its recommendation to Executive Policy Committee and Council, subject to payment of the 2003 Primary Operating Grant to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra being withheld until such time as the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra has satisfied the Winnipeg Arts Council that it can become sustainable.

On February 10, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Arts Council and approved the 2003 Interim Operating Grants to cultural organizations, and submitted its recommendation to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL:

On February 26, 2003, Council adopted Item No. 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated February 10, 2003, which approved Interim Operating Grants for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, which were in excess of $50,000.00 per individual Interim Operating Grant.

Council Policy on Cultural Grants administered by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services (C302) provides that the Committee shall adjudicate all applications within the global allocation and have final authority to approve grants which qualify under this policy, to an amount of $50,000.00 per individual grant. It shall submit to Council with its recommendation for approval, all requests for grants in excess of this amount.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (cont'd):

On November 7, 1984, Council established the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council (now incorporated as “Winnipeg Arts Council”) and delegated it with the responsibility for screening applications, definition of criteria and recommendations as to appropriate grant levels for cultural organizations. The Winnipeg Arts Council forwards its recommendations to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.