



**Final Report of the Regional Cultural Task Force** **Approved**

The Board requested that the Chair establish a Standing Committee on Regional Culture with a mandate to develop and implement a Regional Cultural Strategy.

**2007 Cultural Grants Awards** **Approved**

The Board designated the following organizations as being eligible for regional funding assistance and awarded the 2007 cultural grants for Region-Serving Arts and Culture Organizations, based on the available funds of \$100,000 as follows:

Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society .....	\$ 9,000
Axis Theatre Society .....	\$ 2,000
Carousel Theatre Society .....	\$ 3,000
Green Thumb Players Society .....	\$ 5,000
Pacific Cinematheque Pacifique Society.....	\$ 4,500
Playhouse Theatre Company.....	\$ 8,000
Port Moody Arts Centre Society.....	\$ 2,000
Richmond Gateway Theatre Society.....	\$ 2,000
Vancouver Art Gallery .....	\$ 5,000
Vancouver East Cultural Centre.....	\$ 5,000
Vancouver Opera Association.....	\$ 18,500
Vancouver Symphony Society .....	\$ 36,000

**Review of GVRD Cultural Grants Program** **Approved**

The Board directed the Regional Cultural Task Force to investigate the appointment of an outside organization to manage the adjudication and award of the Cultural Grant program including disbursement options based on approved Board policy and criteria.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Streamlining the Amendment Process for Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy** **Approved**

The Board voted to support an interim provincial Order in Council that would exempt amendments to Metro Vancouver's regional growth strategy from the ratification requirements of Part 25 of the *Local Government Act*, where such amendments:

- i) involve changes to regional land use designations within a specific municipality;
- ii) are supported by the affected municipality;
- iii) are supported by at least two-thirds of weighted Board votes in favour.

The Board will also request that the Ministry of Community Services continue the dialogue with Metro Vancouver on a comprehensive review of the regional growth strategy amendment process described in the *Local Government Act*, with the intent that the proposed interim Order in Council be rescinded upon enactment of new legislation.

**Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – October** **Received**

The Board received for information the report dated October 16, 2007, titled "Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – October".