



To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee
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Re: Cultural Spaces Canada Program – Projects for Submission

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Staff Recommendation

That the following projects be endorsed for submission for funding to the Department of Canadian Heritage - Cultural Spaces Canada, and any other appropriate grant programs:

- **Britannia Heritage Shipyard Site** - Exhibits and interpretation for Britannia Historical Zone, some restoration work on Cannery Office building, and infrastructure replacement work (including safety elements) at Britannia Heritage Shipyard.
- **Steveston Museum** – Comprehensive exhibit design for the Steveston Museum.
- **Gateway Theatre** - New theatre seats and interior finishes upgrades (including public washrooms and dressing rooms, and new carpeting in theatre auditorium).
- **Terra Nova Rural Park Historic District** – Emergency stabilization of five historic buildings and three small auxiliary sheds; Parson house exterior restoration completion including heritage orchard and homestead garden.
- **Interurban Tram** – Conceptual design of tram building.

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Staff Report

Origin

The Department of Canadian Heritage has announced grant funding and current priorities for its Cultural Spaces Canada (CSC) Program. This report proposes priority projects that fit the criteria outlined for the CSC grant-funding program.

Analysis

The CSC program's intent is to improve physical conditions for artistic creativity, presentation and exhibition. It is designed to increase and improve access for Canadians to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and to museum collections, heritage displays and exhibitions. The CSC program supports the renovation and expansion/construction of arts and heritage facilities, and the acquisition of specialized equipment.

Canadian Heritage advises for the current round of funding (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010) that:

- Current priorities are for renovation, expansion and specialized equipment projects.
- All projects submitted for consideration must be entirely completed before March 31, 2010.
- Construction of facilities for new organizations and feasibility studies will not be a priority for this round of funding.

The CSC program offers support of up to 33% of eligible project costs for expansion/construction or renovation projects, and up to 40% of eligible project costs for specialized equipment purchases. Under exceptional circumstances (such as projects in areas of under-served populations, including cultural diverse communities), the program may consider increased levels of support.

The following outlines projects recommended for submission to the CSC program:

Project	Description	Available City match-funding ¹
Britannia Heritage Shipyard	Exhibits and interpretation for Britannia Historical Zone, some restoration work on Cannery Office building, and infrastructure replacement work (including safety elements) at Britannia Heritage Shipyard.	\$800,000
Steveston Museum	Comprehensive exhibit design for the Steveston Museum.	\$30,000
Gateway Theatre	New theatre seats and interior finishes upgrades (including public washrooms and dressing rooms, and new carpeting in theatre auditorium).	\$450,000

¹ Council approved funding

Terra Nova Rural Park Historic District	1892 Parson's House – Completion of the exterior restoration including heritage orchard and homestead garden to complete the house a historical artefact in the park. Emergency stabilization of five cannery and two pioneer residential buildings and three small auxiliary sheds in order to ensure these remain long-term assets at the site.	\$115,000 \$150,000
Interurban Tram	Conceptual design of tram building.	\$55,000

Eligible recipients for CSC funding include both government (provincial/territorial, municipal or regional) and non-profit arts and heritage organizations.

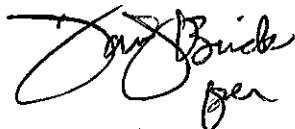
There is also a funding program for National Historic Sites, not owned by the federal government, for which Britannia Heritage Shipyard may qualify. Staff will investigate to determine if next stage projects such as the Seine Net Loft, the Japanese Duplex and the First Nations House meet the criteria.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as only projects with sufficient City funding already approved will be applied for.

Conclusion

The current priorities for CSC program are for renovation, expansion and specialized equipment projects. Staff have considered various City projects and identified those listed above as the most appropriate projects to submit for CSC funding, and are seeking Council endorsement.



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