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FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: January 18, 2010**

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture **FILE: 1855-01**
General Manager, Finance and Technology

SUBJECT: Cultural Spaces Canada Funding for Expansion to Vault at Surrey Art Gallery

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and the Finance and Technology Department recommend that the Finance Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Authorize the use of \$122,600 of capital funding from the Legacy Fund to match a \$122,519 grant from the Canadian Heritage Cultural Spaces of Canada Program for the purposes of expanding the storage vault at the Surrey Art Gallery.

DISCUSSION

The City of Surrey in partnership with the Surrey Art Gallery Association has been awarded a matching grant from Cultural Spaces Canada to expand the Surrey Art Gallery's vault that is used for the storage of the City's permanent collection of artworks. The Cultural Spaces Canada funding program is focused on improving the physical conditions for artistic creativity, presentation and exhibition. It is intended to support the renovation and expansion/construction of arts and heritage facilities and the acquisition of specialized equipment as well as the preparation of feasibility studies for cultural infrastructure projects.

The Surrey Art Gallery is an art museum, mandated to collect, preserve and exhibit contemporary artworks, and hold them as an asset in trust for the citizens of Surrey. The Gallery's vault meets national standards required for its "Class A" status, including strict conservation standards, environmental controls and security. An application was submitted to the Cultural Spaces Canada program for matching funding for a proposed expansion to the Art Gallery that would almost double the Gallery vault's storage capacity by adding a mezzanine level.

The project has an estimated total cost of \$245,037. This project was identified for implementation in 2013 in the 2010-2014 Five Year Financial Plan that was recently approved by Council. The funding application by the City was successful with the City having received a confirmation letter from the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Heritage, (See Appendix 1) that advises that \$122,519 in funding would be provided on a matching basis from Cultural Spaces

Canada. The grant requires that the project be completed by March 2011. Subject to Council approval of the recommendations of this report, the project will commence immediately and be completed by September, 2010.

Funding

The necessary matching funds are available in the Legacy Fund.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Finance Committee recommend that Council authorize the use of \$122,600 of capital funding from the Legacy fund to match a \$122,519 grant from the Canadian Heritage Cultural Spaces of Canada Program for the purposes of expanding the storage vault at the Surrey Art Gallery.

Laurie Cavan
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Appendix 1: Confirmation letter, dated November 20, 2009 from the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages

Appendix

Minister of Canadian Heritage
and Official Languages



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Mr. Jordan Strom
Curator of Exhibitions and Collections
Surrey Art Gallery Association
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Dear Mr. Strom:

I would like to inform you that I have approved a contribution up to a maximum of \$122,519 to Surrey Art Gallery Association under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (formerly called Cultural Spaces Canada). The contribution is to defray part of the costs associated with the project: "*Permanent Collection Vault Project*".

This contribution is subject to the execution of an agreement which sets out the conditions under which the contribution will be released to you. Two (2) originals of the Contribution Agreement will be sent to you in the coming weeks for your signature. Please note that any payment is subject to the appropriation of funds by Parliament and to the budget levels of the Program.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Moore', written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable James Moore, P.C., M.P.

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