



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

ARTS POLICY

Mandate

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation confirms its mandate in the arts and recognizes the arts as an essential element in a vital, creative and balanced city and seeks to actively facilitate participation in and access to the arts for all.

Vision

The Park Board holds a vision of a city where the arts are an integral part of everyday life; where community cultural development processes strengthen civil society, where parks and community centres reflect the cultural vitality of the community and where people are able to learn and express creativity in ways that build healthy communities.

Values which guide the Arts Policy

- Creativity* The inherent human capacity of creativity promotes well-being and generates innovative thinking and action.
- Inclusion* Equitable access and inclusion is a priority in a city where diversity is a key element in our demographic make up.
- Community* The connectivity provided by community of interest or of neighbourhood, strengthens the social safety net, develops leadership and supports democratic decision making.
- Collaboration* Resources are used most effectively when individuals, groups and organizations define and work together on common interests.

POLICY STATEMENTS

- 1) *Community Cultural Development*
The Board contributes to the health of communities through community cultural development processes linking artists and community members to address issues of shared interest.
- 2) *Public Realm*
The Board provides a vibrant public realm and supports the experience of public art and cultural events in parks.
- 3) *Learning*
With its community association partners, the Board provides learning opportunities for personal growth and community development both in and through the arts.
- 4) *Experience*
The Board establishes avenues to gain experience for young and emerging artists and artists of diverse cultures.
- 5) *Innovation and Tradition*
The Board values both innovation and tradition in the arts and takes measures to implement new and creative ventures while maintaining cultural and civic traditions.
- 6) *Recognition of Artists*
Recognizing the role that artists play in society and the expertise that they carry, the Board affirms that artists must be paid for their work.
- 7) *Staffing*
Seeing arts qualifications as a significant asset to an organization, the Board seeks opportunities to recruit staff with background or experience in the arts.
- 8) *Partnerships*
The Board works with artists, arts organizations and community partners to expand the opportunities for the experience of art in everyday life.
- 9) *Facilities and Planning*
The Board provides specialised arts facilities and park elements and, recognizing the unique skills that artists bring to the creation of a dynamic city, includes artists in the planning of parks and facilities