



Trans, Gender Diverse, and Two-Spirit Programming Update

& Corporate Sponsorship
Fund Request

Park Board Committee Meeting
November 19, 2018



To provide an update on Trans, Gender Diverse, and Two-Spirit (TGD2S) programming and seek Board approval for a \$30,000 contribution from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the expansion of TGD2S arts and culture programming in community centres and parks delivered in partnership with the Queer Arts Festival.

- Background
- Queer Arts Festival
- Community engagement
- Summary
- Board Recommendation

2013



Trans and Gender Variant (TGVI) Inclusion working group established.

2014



Park Board unanimously received “Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All” report.

2015



8 community members appointed to first TGVI steering committee.

2016



Corporate Sponsorship Funding approved to hire two Gender Inclusion Facilitators.

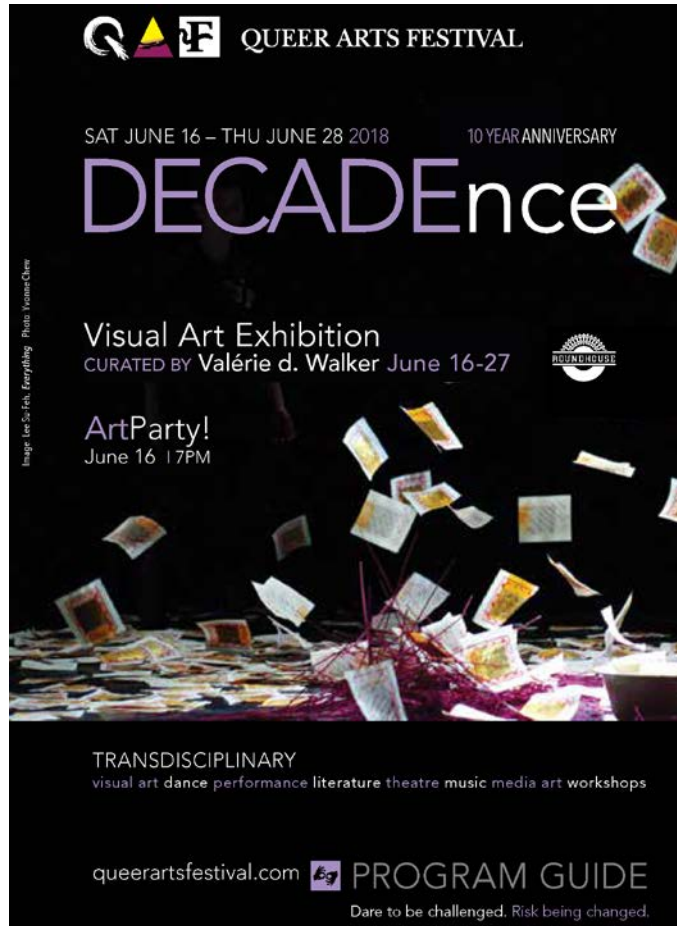
Gender Inclusion Facilitator Initiated Activities

TGD2S weight room	Britannia Community Services Centre
Teen Pride Pool Party	Templeton Park Pool
Family Comic Jam	Cloudscape Comics Memorial South Park
Two-Spirit and Allies Walk	Urban Native Youth Association
Queer & Trans Youth Drop-in	West End Community Centre

Two-Spirit Pre-Pride Social

- community feast and celebration to kick-off Pride
- encourage dialogue between the Two-Spirit Community, the LGBTQ2+ Advisory committee, the City of Vancouver, and the Vancouver Park Board





- Park Board has a 20 year relationship with the Queer Arts Festival (QAF)
- QAF is a founding Arts Partner with the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre
- Recognized as one of the top 5 festivals of its kind worldwide.



Months leading up to the Festival artists lead community workshops for youth and adults.

Festival brings visibility and understanding to ideas, values, and stories that are important to TGD2S individuals which are not reflected in mainstream culture.

Historically workshops have taken place at the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre.

Art is a powerful connector, communicator, and catalyst for public discussion.

Park Board and QAF will work together to engage in educational and community outreach through the arts to build public awareness, understanding, and acceptance of individuals and groups outside sexual and gender norms.



The Corporate Sponsorship Fund would build on the Board's partnership with the Queer Arts Festival by supporting the following initiatives:

1. Pilot a community-engaged arts workshop series, with the work created to be showcased at the 2019 Queer Arts Festival.
2. Showcase contemporary video art by diverse artists exploring and celebrating TGD2S culture and issues in community centres and Park Board facilities.

3. Offer a limited number of free tickets to Queer Arts Festival performances.
4. A Queer Arts Festival representative will act in an advisory role to assist staff both in the proper implementation of programming and in relaying concerns regarding accessibility and customer service.
5. Develop staff training focussed on the importance of the arts in enabling diverse voices and introducing new perspectives.
6. Evaluate the new initiatives to report on the successes, challenges and larger markers for the integration of TGD2S arts and culture programming across the Park Board system.

A one-time \$30,000 investment from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund would support the Park Board's ongoing work with Queer Arts Festival.

The new Queer Arts Festival initiative would develop the Park Board's expertise and network.

The initiative would expand arts and culture programming in community centres and parks through a lens of accessibility and inclusion.

THAT the Vancouver Park Board contribute \$30,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the expansion of Trans, Gender Diverse, and Two-Spirit (TGD2S) arts and culture programming in community centres and parks through new access and inclusion focussed initiatives delivered in partnership with the Queer Arts Festival.

THAT the Vancouver Park Board contribute ~~\$30,000—\$35,000, with a target of \$5,000 to lower ticket prices and increase free events,~~ from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the expansion of Trans, Gender Diverse, and Two-Spirit (TGD2S) arts and culture programming in community centres and parks through new access and inclusion focussed initiatives delivered in partnership with the Queer Arts Festival.

