



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: **Terms of Reference for Environmental and Arts and Culture Task Groups**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT City Council approve the terms of reference for the following task groups:
  - Environmental Task Group
  - Arts and Culture Task Group
2. THAT Councillor Rosemary Wallace and Councillor Paul Albrecht be appointed as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the Environmental Task Force.
3. THAT Councillor Paul Albrecht and Councillor Rosemary Wallace be appointed as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the Arts and Culture Task Force.

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from City Council for the terms of reference for the Environmental Task Group and Arts and Culture Task Group.

## POLICY:

The terms of reference establish the mandate, composition, authority, and terms of the task group.

## COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

City Council, arising from discussion at its annual Blue Sky session, amended the goal statement for the Environment and Quality of Life key result areas to place a stronger focus on environmental and arts and culture initiatives and programs. To this end, City

Council wishes to establish an Environmental Task Group and an Arts and Culture Task Group to support initiatives and programs in these areas.

### **Environmental Task Group**

City Council recently amended the goal statement for one of the key result areas – Environment:

*We continue to focus on protecting, promoting and enhancing environmental assets in the community and active in achieving the Zero Waste goals.*

The Environmental Task Group will evaluate and recommend to City Council bylaws and policies related to the protection and enhancement of the environment.

The mandate of the group includes, but not limited to, prioritize, evaluate and develop a business case for the implementation of various environmental initiatives and programs such as:

- ✓ Install rain barrels for watering plants
- ✓ Promote business solid waste and recycling education program and incentives
- ✓ Create a bylaw to ban plastic bags
- ✓ Promote landscape boulevards and environmental features on boulevards by residents, food production, bees/butterfly gardens
- ✓ Promote landscape, garden and environmental ideas for multi-family home owners
- ✓ Use goats for weed control
- ✓ Install 'real' grass on boulevard
- ✓ Provide netting at storm outfalls to catch garbage
- ✓ Work with LEPS and gardening shops to educate residents on controlling invasive species
- ✓ Create an Urban Forest
- ✓ Dealing with dog waste

### **Arts and Culture Task Group**

City Council recently amended the goal statement for one of the key result areas – Quality of Life:

*We are a community that is an ideal place to raise a family, offers a welcoming and diverse living environment, boasts great leisure and recreational opportunities, and supports healthy and safe neighbourhoods.*

The Environmental Task Group will evaluate and recommend to City Council initiatives and programs related to the furtherance of arts and culture in the community.

The mandate of the group includes, but not limited to, prioritize, evaluate and develop a business case for the implementation of various arts and culture initiatives and programs such as:

- ✓ Made in Langley film location tour
- ✓ Create a big labyrinth
- ✓ Etch in design or art work along walkways
- ✓ Sculpture/public art sign for trail and visual identifier
- ✓ Hold more evening and winter events and programs
- ✓ Working artists in parks (sell their art work)
- ✓ Artist in residence

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget to support the task groups will be allocated from existing funds or additional budget will be requested from City Council by the task group to implement specific projects or initiatives.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

That City Council amend the terms of reference for the Environmental Task Group and an Arts and Culture Task Group.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachments:

1. Terms of Reference, Environmental Task Group
2. Terms of Reference, Arts and Culture Task Group