

Council Update – Councillor Karel Roessingh
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GVPL Board

The board had its inaugural meeting January 24th. Andrew Appleton of Oak Bay was acclaimed as chair, and Shahira Khair of Victoria acclaimed as vice chair. As the bridging period strategic plan for Covid is about to expire, the board will be holding strategic planning sessions this spring.

CRD Arts Commission

Victoria Mayor Marianne Alto has been appointed chair. At its January 25th meeting, the Commission awarded Operating Grants totalling just under \$590,000 to 22 arts organizations, 21 of which had received operating grants in previous years. At the direction of the Commission, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. All previous applicants and one of the two new applicants gave robust responses on their approach to EDI, and demonstrated resilient performance in operations and programming.