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**Subject:** FW: Resolution Request

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From: chamber music kelowna: programming <chambermusickelowna@shaw.ca>

To: mayorandcouncil; Michele Rule

CC: Sandra Kochan

Sent: Wed Oct 21 10:40:28 2009

Subject: Resolution Request

Your Worship Mayor Shepherd, Michele Rule on behalf of all councilors,

The Professional Performing Arts Alliance of Kelowna (PAK) requests the consideration and adoption of the attached municipal resolution.

We trust that our city council and leadership are well aware of the value and contribution of arts and culture in our communities and trust that all are also aware of the tremendous social, cultural and economic contribution the arts make - 80,000 employees, 5.2 billion a year in spending for our province, and that for every dollar invested in the arts by the province of BC, \$1.36 is returned to the Treasury in taxes. We are currently strongly requesting the provincial government to reconsider the series of recent actions now threatening the viability of the arts and culture sector - a sector which more than earns its support from the government and community. We ask our municipal leaders in Kelowna to adopt and forward this resolution to the Premier.

Should you wish further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. We are passionate about arts/culture in our community and therefore ask that the attached resolution be adopted by the city of Kelowna.

Best Regards,

Sylvie Lange

Director of Programming

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## **MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION TEMPLATE**

### **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, the arts, like education, health and social security, are universal goods that ought to be generally available regardless of ability to pay, and

**Whereas**, community arts, culture organizations are very important to the social fabric of our community, and

**Whereas**, the BC government has cut funds to these organizations, all of which are very small and require very little from the provincial treasury, and

**Whereas**, according to the BC Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture Service Plan, there is an expected 85 percent cut for next year, and 92 percent for 2011/12,

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

The municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ calls on the province of British Columbia to restore funds to community arts and culture and sports organizations.



August 31, 2009

File: 0410-20

Minister Kevin Krueger  
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts  
PO Box 9071, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E9

Dear Minister Krueger:

Re: Arts Council of the Central Okanagan

In a letter to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts dated August 07, 2009, Elke Lange, Executive Director of the Arts Council of the Central Okanagan (ARTSCO) provided a summary of the history of the ARTSCO in the Okanagan, and its commitment to serve a wide and varied demographic area, including children, youth groups, students and families in our community.

I am writing on behalf of Kelowna City Council to express our support of ARTSCO, and to request that the Province ensure continued strong support for arts and culture in British Columbia.

The City of Kelowna supports the efforts of BC Arts and Cultural organizations, through partnerships with community businesses, organizations and educational institutions, as they provide valuable opportunities in our communities for diverse experiences in Arts, Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn Shepherd".

S. Shepherd  
MAYOR