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Board Chair Steve Price
Capital Regional District
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Dear Chair Price:

Subject: CRD Bylaw No. 4255 - Arts & Culture Support Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2018

This letter is to confirm the Town of Sidney's position to request to withdraw as a participant in the CRD Arts Service, pursuant to CRD Bylaw No. 2884 – Arts & Cultural Support Services Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2001.

Sidney Council has been a long-time supporter and participant in the CRD Arts Service, having contributed since 2009. In addition to participating in the CRD Arts Service, Sidney Council has been making significant annual funding contributions to its local arts and cultural community, which provides sub-regional benefits well beyond Sidney's boundaries.

While Council strongly supports the local arts and recognizes the benefits it brings to the economy and to the lives of its citizens, the Town is not prepared to be locked into a higher level of funding within the CRD Arts Service, and therefore wishes to withdraw from the program.

We respectfully encourage members of the Board to consider supporting Sidney's decision to withdraw as a participant and consent to the adoption of amendment Bylaw No. 4255.

Yours truly,

for

Randy Humble
Chief Administrative Officer

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