



**Council Member Motion
For the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 1, 2021**

Date: October 28, 2021
From: Councillor Ben Isitt
Subject: Partnership to Animate the Public Realm Downtown

Background:

The Quebec cultural organization Quartier des Spectacles Partnership, a joint venture of the City of Montreal, the Province of Quebec and local arts and business organizations, has invited the City of Victoria to partner on the design and implementation of a cultural installation / participatory digital art piece in Downtown Victoria.

The Quartier des Spectacles Partnership has introduced a number of innovative cultural installations in the City of Montreal, helping to activate and animate the public realm and enhance the city centre for residents and visitors (See Attachment 1). It is now expanding across Canada, including partnering with the City of Mississauga and the proposed partnership with the City of Victoria.

The partnership proposed by the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership envisions implementation of an installation in the City of Victoria with a value of \$300,000, based on a financial contribution from the City of Victoria of \$75,000 and the remainder of project costs funded by the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership.

It is recommended that the City of Victoria move forward with this partnership, beginning with authorization by Council of an allocation of up to \$75,000 funded from the 2021 contingency.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Authorize an expenditure of up to \$75,000 from the 2021 Contingency toward a partnership with Quartier des Spectacles Partnership, to design and implement a cultural installation / participatory digital art piece in Downtown Victoria.
2. Delegate staff to determine the concept and location for the installation, and provide a progress update to Council by the end of Q1 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

Attachment:

1. Portfolio of works produced by the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership