



## CITY PLAN CONNECTION



City Plan C4.5.2 Establish flexible and innovative cultural facilities that anticipate and enable a wide range of cultural programs and can accommodate a variety of production, exhibition, and performance experiences.



## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

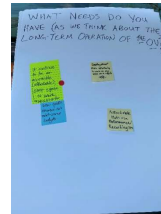


## BACKGROUND

- In December, 2022 the OV Arts Centre Society provided notice of its intention to terminate its 10-year Co-Management Agreement with the City.
- The Agreement terminated on 2023-JAN-23. Staff established an interim operating agreement with Spotlight Academy, a regular user of the facility, using the funds previously paid to the Society as an operating grant. The agreement remains in place and is effective until 2025-FEB-23.
- With support from the Interim Operator and the City's allocations team, multiple user groups rehearsed and performed at the OV Arts Centre in 2023.

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- In July and August 2023 staff held several engagement sessions to gather feedback from OV user groups. Participants expressed gratitude for support from the City. User groups' desire to work together to program and develop the space was a common theme.



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- Several engagement session participants suggested that the City could create a new board or performing arts guild to run the OV Arts Centre.
- In 2024, staff recommended the creation of a board or guild to Council. Council approved the recommendation.
- Nanaimo Performing Arts Guild members were chosen by Council in late 2024 and formally announced in January, 2025.

# QUESTIONS?

