

FACT SHEET
THE NORTH VANCOUVER COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Background

- Founded in 1969, The North Vancouver Community Arts Council (NVCAC) is a charitable community cultural organization whose mandate is to enable emerging and professional artists in all media and to bridge cultures and build strong communities through arts and heritage. The NVCAC has 48 years of experience in grass-roots cultural programming on the North Shore, in the three municipalities of the City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and District of West Vancouver. Their membership is over 500 and includes individuals, students, seniors, families, cultural groups and businesses.
- The North Shore Cultural Mapping Project will identify cultural assets (e.g. art collections, venue information, local Indigenous festivals, cultural celebrations such as Norooz the Persian New Year, etc.) in the three municipalities of the North Shore and create a database that will be mapped using a current geographic information system (GIS) technology. The result will be a free online interactive cultural map that serves as a digital cultural hub, accessible from desktop or mobile devices.
- The partners include the three municipalities within the North Shore, North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Given the scope of the project, an Advisory Committee was created which includes the aforementioned partners and representatives of organizations such as North Shore Multicultural Association, libraries, tourism agencies and two local school districts.

Financial implications

- On September 15, 2017, PCH has approved a contribution of \$421,000 for their project called the North Shore Cultural Mapping Project under the Strategic Initiatives component of the Canada Cultural Investment Fund. The project has started on October 1, 2017 and will be completed by March 31, 2020.
- The organization has also been awarded funding for a total of \$13,700 from Building Communities through Arts and Heritage for their local festival Art in the Garden for 2018-2019, 2017-2018, 2015-2016, 2012-2013 and 2011-2012 fiscal years.