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## Council Meeting Presentation Request

Completed requests to make a public presentation must be received by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday immediately prior to the scheduled meeting. **Presentations are a maximum of 5 minutes in duration.**

Presentation Information	
Preferred Date of Presentation	January 23, 2018
Name of Presenter(s)	Sharon Heading
Organization Represented	Arts Recovery Working Group
Topic	Strategic Plan for Recovery in the Arts Post Fire
Please List Specific Points/Concerns	Present the Strategic Plan for overcoming barriers to Healing the Artists and Supporting the Arts in it's vital role in Post Disaster Recovery
Action Being Requested of Council	Expression of Support
<p><b>Are you providing any supporting documentation (ie: Powerpoint)?</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, the documentation <u>must</u> accompany this request, as handouts will not be distributed at the meeting. To ensure that your documents meet minimum standards, please see presentation guidelines on the next page.</p> <p>Supporting documents may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca">Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca</a>.</p>	

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**Post Fire  
Recovery  
in the Arts  
Strategic Plan**

prepared by  
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for

**Arts Recovery  
Working Group**

**EDMONTON  
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# POST FIRE RECOVERY IN THE ARTS

A strategic plan developed for

**ARTS RECOVERY WORKING GROUP**

through support from

**EDMONTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Initiating the process of healing the artists and  
the Arts Community.

The Arts have been identified as an essential  
component in the healing for the overall  
community.

## WHAT WE KNOW

- There have been multiple studies specific to disaster recovery in general and our post fire situation specifically.
- They address the essential role the Arts play in supporting a more vibrant and thriving post disaster community.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING

- We are currently losing both professional and emerging artists. They have NO place to collaborate, create, or showcase their work.
- Every time we lose an artist , we lose not just that community member but the volunteer work they do as well.
- 72% of artists also volunteer within the Arts

# What we did! Where we got our info.

- “Here for You” Sessions
- One on One interviews
- Focus Group
- Gathered supporting information from Existing post fire studies
- Statistics Canada information on Value of Art economically and culturally in a community

# What needs to Happen?

- Support healing of the Artists and Arts sector through building community around the Arts.
- Provide Artists with a Center from which they can grow organize and work

We have a PLAN

- First some Healing sessions for the Artists
- Next, lets bring together all of our current stakeholders.

# Follow the plan and get to work!

## Two tracks

- Under the direction of a project lead.
  - Let's examine what we have. Then, start doing what we can to make it available to the Arts Community
  - Let's get some community building activities in place before we lose any more artists
- Bring the stakeholders together begin the process of creating an Arts Center

Fort McMurray has never needed to look to other communities for benchmarks. We are leaders!

- Lets engage in creative “Partnership Brokering”
- Lets set the standard for rebuilding stronger, more collaborative communities, where the Arts help make our community a better place to live!