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Scott Myers, PLog, PMP
Superintendent Fleet & Transit Service Delivery, Transportation Services
Regional District of Nanaimo
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Dear Scott,

I write on behalf of the Nanaimo Arts Council to request shuttle service support for Artwalk 2025, scheduled for Saturday, November 22 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and Sunday, November 23 (noon – 4 p.m.). This annual event, now in its 27th anniversary, features 60 visual artists exhibiting their work in 20 public and private venues along Commercial Street, Victoria Crescent, and the Old City Quarter (OCQ). More than 1,000 people attend the two-day festival each year, and based on our survey data last year, 25 percent were out-of-town visitors.

The shuttle service was a resounding success last year. It eased the travel burden between the three areas, especially for older patrons and families with young children, and boosted traffic to more difficult-to-reach venues in the OCQ. It was the talk of the town within the arts and culture community, generating a wave of positive buzz.

Financially, Artwalk is a break-even proposition. The Arts Council receives partial financial support from the City of Nanaimo and the BC Government, supplemented by participant fees and commercial advertisements. The event is free to the public and entirely run by volunteers.

We would appreciate your assistance in presenting our request, including any available financial aid. We are indebted to the Regional District of Nanaimo and most grateful for the generous support.

Sincerely,

Steven Dennis
Vice President
Nanaimo Arts Council

cc. Namrata Verma, NAC Program Chair
Aslynn Meade, Artwalk Program Coordinator