I am an Artist...

• Artists are reflected first and foremost in the draft plan’s cultural policy values. This has not been previously acknowledged in policies and plans at the City.

• Linking artists with spaces and making spaces more affordable (e.g. studios, venues, gallery space, micro-grants, recognizing housing affordability issues).

• Continuing to fund Indigenous Artist roles and opportunities at the City of Victoria.

• Providing opportunities for artists’ work to be showcased, including temporary public art installations and pop-up opportunities; connecting artists with wall/mural spaces on private buildings.

• Providing an Artist in Residence program at the neighbourhood level and in the City’s park system.

• Offering training and skills development opportunities to artists.

• Easing City processes to support artist-led creative projects.

• Creating music-friendly and musician-friendly policies.

• Developing a Creative Worker Attraction and Retention Strategy.

• Creating a Micro-Loan Grant program for creative entrepreneurs and small-budget items, including but not limited to, transportation, equipment and venue rental.

• Aligning with City’s affordability initiatives, identify artists and creators as potential applicants for affordability housing.

Vision:

*Victoria radiates creativity and thrives as a home to creative people and everyday artistic encounters.*