

# Skyway Governance Advisory Committee Resolution 2019-02

## Issue: Arts, Events and Exhibitions

### **Whereas:**

The Skyway Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC) is charged by the Saint Paul City Council with advising the Council, City staff and other interested parties on issues of concern to skyway users and other stakeholders.

The SGAC has heard and agrees with the many calls for more lively and populated skyways, both to improve aesthetics and to mitigate security concerns.

More-vibrant skyways would lead to a more-attractive Downtown, increased income to local businesses, higher property values, and potential cost savings for police and security.

Numerous persons and organizations have attempted to hold events or mount exhibitions within the skyway system but have given up due to complicated application requirements and costly regulations.

The City and owners of skyway-connected buildings share the responsibility for approving or denying permits for skyway events and exhibitions.

### **We Therefore Recommend:**

That the Skyway Work Group work with City staff, skyway-connected building owners or managers, and others to simplify the application process and governing regulations for skyway events and exhibitions.

That applicants for skyway events and exhibition permits be provided with a checklist of actions they will need to take to gain approval for their projects.

That the City will provide applicants with a point of contact who can explain how to approach completion of any items on the above checklist.

**Approved** by the Skyway Governance Advisory Committee on March 22, 2019, and forwarded to the Skyway Work Group for consideration and implementation.