CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Tourism and Culture Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 2, 2015
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Arts Advisory Commission 2016 Advisory Committee Budget Submission (PED15195) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Arts Advisory Commission's base budget submission in the amount of $9,000, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED15195, be approved and referred to the 2016 Budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2016 Budget request will enable the Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) to fulfil its mandate and is consistent with the previous years' budget requests.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: For 2016, the AAC has requested a base budget of $9,000. The 2015 base budget was $9,000.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The mandate of the AAC is:

- To recommend activities for the stabilization and strengthening of the arts community;
- To inform Council of issues and achievements in the Hamilton arts community;
- To liaise with and act as a point of contact for members of the arts community regarding issues affecting the arts community;
- To monitor and assist with the implementation of the Public Art Program; and,
- To monitor and assist with the implementation of the Arts Awards Program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

There are no policy implications or legislated requirements associated with the recommendation in Report PED15195.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

In preparation of Report PED15195, Tourism and Culture Division staff consulted with the outgoing Chair of the Arts Advisory Commission, which approved the 2016 Budget, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED15195.

Finance, Administration and Revenue Generation Section, Corporate Services Department: Provided reserve balance for Arts Advisory Commission.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

In 2016, the Arts Advisory Commission will continue to fulfil its on-going responsibilities with regard to the City of Hamilton Arts Awards, the Public Art Program and to deal with relevant issues as they arise.

The Arts Advisory Commission will also outreach and engage with the arts community through events and partnerships with organizations such as the Hamilton Arts Council to fulfil their mandate to Council.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority #1
A Prosperous & Healthy Community

WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.

Strategic Objective

1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and City wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.

1.6 Enhance Overall Sustainability (financial, economic, social and environmental).

Strategic Priority #2
Valued & Sustainable Services

WE deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations, in a cost effective and responsible manner.

Strategic Objective

2.2 Improve the City's approach to engaging and informing citizens and stakeholders.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report PED15195 - 2016 Arts Advisory Commission Budget Submission

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