



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Grants Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 4, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Grant History for the Art Gallery of Hamilton (GRA16001) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

Grants Sub-Committee, at its meeting of November 12, 2015, passed the following motion:

"That staff be directed to report back to the February 2016 Grants Sub-Committee with the history of grants funding for the Art Gallery of Hamilton."

Information:

A search of municipal records provided by the Clerk's Office provides evidence that the City of Hamilton has maintained a funding relationship with the body which is now recognized as the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) since at least 1914. Operating grants from the City appear to have been consistently provided and at times, supplementary minor and major capital grants have also been approved.

The records reviewed include Council and Committee minutes from 1914 to present and various departmental documents. These records are not complete and in many instances Committee attachments were not included in the consolidated Council minutes and are no longer accessible. A comprehensive year by year summary of all grant dollars to the AGH from 2014 was not possible from available corporate records.

Although two members of Council sit on the AGH Board of Directors, the AGH does not report directly to Council. City staff does not have access to AGH records.

OPERATING GRANTS

The first found reference to a “grant” to what was then known as the Hamilton Art Galley Committee is a recommendation for \$1,000 in 1914ⁱ. This grant followed other approved municipal expenditures the previous year to make revisions to the “*old Public Library Building, for the purpose of establishing an Art Gallery therein*”ⁱⁱ and expenses related to the acquisition and care of the Bruce Collection of paintings.

An annual grant to the AGH in the amount of \$1,000 was continuous from 1914 through 1946. A second annual grant of \$240 towards the salary of a curator,ⁱⁱⁱ “*a partially disabled returned soldier*”, was added in 1929 and the grant continued at that amount through 1946.

The grants were without condition until 1924^{iv} at which time the following requirement was added: the Art Gallery of Hamilton was required to provide the City Clerk “*with a financial Statement of their affairs for the past year, and notifying His Worship, the Mayor, of their meetings throughout the current year*”. In addition, the Mayor and Controller were “*appointed civic representatives on the Board of the Art Gallery of Hamilton Limited for the current year*”.

By 1948 the municipal grant amount was \$7,674^v. Records from 1949 into the 1950s do not specify grant amounts in the consolidated Council minutes. However, during the late 1950s there are two references in the Council minutes to annual grants in the amounts of \$20,600^{vi} and \$24,000^{vii} so at some point between 1948 and 1956 there was an adjustment.

There is no corporate documentation available to indicate operating grants amounts between 1957 and 1999.

In 2000, the gross annual grant was \$568,730 and this was reduced to \$361,930 in 2001. From 2002 to 2006 the grant was approved at amounts ranging from \$940,330 to a high of \$1,090,000. In 2007, Council passed a motion to set the AGH’s annual total operating grant at \$1,000,000.^{viii} That motion remains in effect.

In 2015 arts based boards and agencies, including the AGH, were transferred from a Boards and Agencies group into the City Enrichment Fund for administration of operating funding from the City. Council’s 2007 funding direction regarding the AGH was not affected by this transfer. The AGH’s funding and reporting is managed through the City Enrichment Fund’s Arts Program, Operating Grants stream.

CAPITAL GRANTS

The first capital grants to the AGH appear to have been approved in 1914 in support of revisions to the Old Public Library Building^{ix}. This grant followed approved municipal expenditures in 2013 for the same purpose.

The first major capital grant of \$100,000 was approved in 1928^x for the “*erection of an Art Gallery in the City*”.

In 1942 additional minor capital expenses were covered. Other minor capital grants were approved on an ad hoc basis throughout the 1940s and 1950s.

In 1952 the second major capital grant in the amount of \$40,000 was approved “*to assist in the construction of a [sic] Art Gallery building to be erected at an estimated cost of \$150,000.00. Location of this proposed building to be on a parcel of land at the north-west corner of Main Street West and Forsyth Avenue.*”^{xi}

In 1973 a major capital grant of \$1,250,000 was approved^{xii} to assist in the cost of financing the construction of the new Art Gallery on the south side of King Street.

Dollars in the amount of \$528,000^{xiii} were granted in 1997 to support the Collection Protection Project. This was the last capital grant approved for the AGH by the City of Hamilton as indicated from available records.

ⁱ 3rd Report of the Board of Control, February 24, 1914

The Board of Control presents its third report and recommends:

That the following grants be made:

Hamilton Art Gallery Committee 1,000.00

ⁱⁱ 14th Report of the Board of Control, October 14, 1913

The Board of Control present their 14th report and recommend:

That the Board be authorized to expend the sum of \$500.00 to make necessary alterations to the old Public Library Building, for the purpose of establishing an Art Gallery therein AND 8th Report of the Board of Control, May 12, 1914. The Board of Control presents its eighth report and recommends:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the annexed agreement respecting the Bruce collection of pictures, dated 22nd April, 1914, between Mrs. Caroline B. Bruce, Mr. William Bruce and Mrs. B.C. Bruce-Walkden and the City Corporation; and that the City Corporation delegate the management of the Bruce Collection to “The Art Gallery of Hamilton,” pursuant to the terms of said agreement.

ⁱⁱⁱ 11th Report of the Board of Control, May 14, 1929

The Board of Control present their 11th report and recommend:

A grant of \$240.00 from Contingency Fund to the Hamilton Art Gallery Association towards the salary of the Curator, a partially disabled returned soldier. (Attachment 28)

^{iv} 6th Report of the Board of Control, March 19, 1924

The Board of Control present their 6th report and recommend:

That the following grants be made for 1924, subject to the several recipients furnishing the City Clerk with a Financial Statement of their affairs for the past year, and notifying His Worship, the Mayor, of their meetings throughout the current year:

Art Gallery of Hamilton \$1000.00

That His Worship the Mayor and Controller Davis of the Property Committee, be appointed Civic Representatives on the Board of the Art Gallery of Hamilton Limited for the current year. (Attachment 21)

^v 6th Report of the Board of Control, March 5 1948

The Board of Control present their 6th Report and recommend the following:

Expenditures:

Art Gallery of Hamilton

Revenue:

Municipal Grant	\$7674.00
Rental of Rooms	\$250.00
Sundries	\$ 2.00
Surplus, 1947	\$1288.00
	\$9214.00

^{vi} 9th Report of the Board of Control, March 19 1956

The Board of Control present their 9th Report and recommend:

Grants	Estimate	Actual
Hamilton Art Gallery (Attachment 74)	\$22,000.00	\$20,600.00

^{vii} 8th Report of the Board of Control, March 25 1958

The Board of Control present their 8th Report and recommend:

Grants:	1958 Estimate	1957 Actual
Hamilton Art Gallery (Attachment 79)	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

^{viii} Committee of the Whole, FINAL BUDGET REPORT 07-010, April 20, 2007.

2. Art Gallery

(a) That the City’s funding of the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) be based on an annual total grant to the AGH of \$1 million through a 3% increase in the base grant yearly; (b) That a one-time Stabilization Fund of \$1.1 million be established to offset the difference over a 10-year period; (c) That any surpluses generated from the operation of the AGH be applied directly to reduce the City’s contribution to the stabilization fund.

^{ix} 11th Report of the Board of Control, July 14, 1914

The Board of Control present their eleventh report and recommend:

That the following grants be made:

\$200 to the Art Gallery of Hamilton, being one-half of the estimated cost of renewing the lavatories on the second floor of the Old Public Library Building; the work to be done under the supervision of the Property Committee and the Art Gallery of Hamilton.

(Attachment 9) AND 12th Report of the Board of Control, August 11, 1914

The Board of Control present their 12th report and recommend:

That the City Treasurer be authorized to pay the Art Gallery of Hamilton the following amounts: \$500 balance of \$1000 grant for 1914; and \$200, one-half cost of remodelling Art Gallery lavatories. (Attachment 10)

^x 27th Report of the Board of Control, Dec 26, 1928

The Board of Control present their 27th report and recommend:

The erection of an “Art Gallery” in the City, the sum of \$100,000.00

^{xi} 4th Report of the Board of Control, Feb 12 1952

The Board of Control present their 4th report and recommend:

That a grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 be made to the Hamilton Art Gallery Association to assist in the construction of an Art Gallery building to be erected at an estimated cost of \$150,000.00. Location of this proposed building to be on a parcel of land at the north-west corner of Main Street West and Forsyth Avenue. This grant to be made to the Association when the balance of \$110,000.00 has been raised by the Hamilton Art Gallery Association through donations and bequests.

(Attachment 64)

^{xii} 9th Report of the Board of Control, March 9 1973

The Board of Control present their 9th report and recommend:

That a capital grant in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 be made to the Art Gallery of Hamilton to assist in the cost of financing the construction of the new art Gallery to be located in the Lloyd D. Jackson Square. Provision has been made in the Capital Budget to finance this grant.

^{xiii} 4th Report of the Committee of the Whole, March 19 1997

The Committee of the Whole presents its 4th report and recommends:

That the Art Gallery of Hamilton Capital Project for the implementation of Collection Protection Project – Repairs to Building Envelope at a gross cost of \$1,460,500 with Federal funding of \$425,000, Art Gallery of Hamilton’s share of \$517,500 and the balance of the net City Contribution of \$518,000 (Project No. 184.6) be added to the 1997 Capital Budget and be financed from the Reserve for Capital Projects, Account Centre No. CH 00203.

(Attachment 132)