



Hamilton

# CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
<b>From:</b>	Monika Ciolek (Co-Chair) _____ and Kyle Andrew Skinner (Co-Chair) _____ Arts Advisory Commission (to be signed by the Chair)
<b>Date:</b>	March 22, 2017
<b>Re:</b>	<b>Transfer from reserve for Big Picture 2017 Arts Community Outreach Event</b> (AAC-17-01) (City Wide)

## **Recommendation:**

That an amount of up to \$13,000 be transferred from the Arts Advisory Commission Reserve (112212) to Arts Advisory Commission operating (300322) to fund the Commission's 2017 outreach event and programs.

## **Background:**

The Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) has the following mandate:

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; to monitor and assist with the implementation of the Arts Awards Program.

The primary focus of the Arts Advisory Commission over the last five years has been the development of a strategic arts funding model through its Arts Funding Task Force.

A new AAC was appointed in 2016. The new members of the AAC are looking to undertake a community outreach and consultation program to determine the issues important to the arts community moving forward.

**Analysis/Rationale:**

In 2017, the Arts Advisory Commission will focus its efforts on outreach and consultation with the arts community to identify issues important to the community. It is assumed that issues such as; artists living and work space costs, sustaining and growing the arts community and promoting the arts community will be identified among others. Consultation plans include a symposium type event to bring the community together along with interviews and online surveys. The results of this work will be used to develop the AAC work plan for 2017-2018.