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Chair and Members
General Issues Committee
City of Hamilton

Dear Chair and Members,

The Art Gallery of Hamilton supports the attached Energy Billing Approach and Recommendations Report which addresses the immediate financial pressures faced by the Gallery regarding outstanding 2022 and 2023 energy charges, including recommended measures to mitigate these pressures.

As per Council's September 20th motion that City Staff be directed to work with the Art Gallery of Hamilton to review the AGH's partnership and funding model, based on the unique relationship to the City, in regards to the collection, the land, and the building and that City Staff be directed to join in the advocacy to other levels of government to support the Gallery's future vision, we look forward to the ongoing discussions and development of a new partnership agreement between the City and the Gallery. An agreement which, among other issues, will also address energy billings for 2024 and beyond, with a subsequent report to Council in mid-2024.

Should Council or staff require any additional information, the Gallery will be pleased to accommodate any further questions or concerns. Thank you to Council and staff for your ongoing collaboration and support.

Sincerely,

Shelley Falconer
President and CEO
Art Gallery of Hamilton