



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tourism and Culture Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	January 17, 2024
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Arts Advisory Commission Budget Submission (PED24005) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Arts Advisory Commission 2024 budget submission attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED24005 in the amount of \$9,000 be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 13, 2023 Council approved the recommendation (CM23025) to pause all Volunteer Advisory Committees for review. The 2024 budget request will enable the Arts Advisory Commission to undertake consultation and outreach events with the arts community to share ideas and support the local arts community if and when the Arts Advisory Commission is reconstituted.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The 2024 Arts Advisory Committee budget will be \$9,000.

Staffing: None

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Legal: None

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Arts Advisory Commission 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 pre-pandemic was community outreach in response the priorities developed through consultation with the arts community at the Big Picture 2017 Art Forum event. Given the effects of the pandemic on the arts community the Arts Advisory Commission undertook the Celebrating Resilience in the Arts project and survey in 2021 to begin to outreach to the arts community around pandemic recovery. In 2022 the Arts Advisory Commission focused on arts community recovery.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

This work supports the Council approved mandate of the Arts Advisory Commission and the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on COVID recovery.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

In the event that the Arts Advisory Commission is re-constituted, it will continue to fulfil its on-going responsibilities with regards to the City of Hamilton Arts Awards and the Public Art Program.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not applicable.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to PED24005 - 2024 Advisory Committees Budget Submission - Arts Advisory Commission