



City of Hamilton Memorandum

To: Council
Date: July 16, 2025
Report No: PED25148
Subject/Title: Art Gallery of Hamilton Funding
Ward(s) Affected: City Wide

Information

As per Council direction, the recommendations from PED25148 have been revised below in a form that clearly delineates the amount of \$1,725,556, the funding increase of \$801,093 and the Capital \$2,365,900 funding for the roof.

Recommendations

- 1) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide one-time funding of up to \$1,500,000 to the Art Gallery of Hamilton for 2025 with \$1,300,000 coming from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (Reserve #110046) and \$200,000 coming from the Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve (Reserve #108072), contingent upon receipt and analysis of quarterly cash flow and financial statements from the gallery to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Corporate Services and General Manager, Planning and Economic Development.
- 2) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to include the following **FOR CONSIDERATION** through the 2026 Tax budget:
 - a) That the City provide in-kind services to the gallery, for regular building repair and maintenance, in the amount of \$801,093;
 - b) That the City provide annual funding to the gallery in the amount of \$1,725,556, adjusted annually for inflation, through the Planning and Economic Development Department, Tourism and Culture Division, transferred quarterly, to pay a portion of costs to support the care, preservation, and exhibition of the Art Gallery of Hamilton's Art Collection; and,

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- c) That the Art Gallery of Hamilton be removed from the City Enrichment Fund (CEF) and that \$1,000,000 budget in CEF be transferred to the Tourism and Culture Division for disbursement.
- 3) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a capital request of \$2,365,900 to complete building repairs, including the roof, as recommended by the Building Condition Assessment (Appendix A to PED25148) for the Art Gallery of Hamilton for consideration through the 2026 Tax budget.
- 4) That, pending successful 2026 budget deliberations, staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a license agreement with the Art Gallery of Hamilton that includes annual funding and in-kind support described above, should it be approved through the 2026 Tax budget; the licence agreement to be executed at the end of budget deliberations and be effective as of January 1, 2026.

Consultation

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Appendices and Schedules Attached

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