



**Final
Arts Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

2:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee
on March 6, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by Councillor, A. Courser at 2:07 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

- Present:** 6 - Councillor A. Courser
I. Churchward
G. Groen
S. Herman
S. Jensen
I. Moggach
- Absent:** 2 - Councillor C. Riepma
N. Mazhab Jafari

STAFF:

Culture Development Officer, A. Dyke
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Legislative Coordinator, S. Drury
Public Art Coordinator, C. Ryan.

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

**PRESENTATION CONCERNING PROPOSED BARRIE ARTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE WORK PLAN - EXISTING DEPARTMENT WORK**

Amanda Dyke, Culture Officer (Development), provided a presentation related to the Committee's Work Plan and staff recommendations analysis.

Ms. Dyke discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Recommended projects and tasks identified by Committee members;
- The status and notes on the projects and tasks; and
- The opportunities and future planning for the Committee.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to Ms. Dyke and received responses from staff.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

Amanda Dyke, Culture Officer (Development), provided a presentation concerning the Poet Laureate Program.

Ms. Dyke discussed the slides concerning the following topics:

- The history of the program, including its creation, composition of the program, and the criteria and nomination process;
- The current nomination process for the Poet Laureate position;
- The adjudication process;
- The role and responsibilities of the Poet Laureate;
- The City's support for the program;
- The current Poet Laureate background and accomplishments;
- A review of the key benchmarking data and common program expectations;
- The findings of the review by staff;
- Staff's recommendations related to the goals of the program, deliverables asked of the Laureate, and the benchmarking exercise;
- The additional program requirements;
- The financial implications; and
- The next steps for the program.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to Ms. Dyke and received responses.

The Arts Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

AMENDMENT TO ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FUNDING FOR THE POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

1. That the additions to the Poet Laureate Terms of Reference as presented on slide 15 of the presentation to the Arts Advisory Committee dated December 5, 2024, be accepted for the term of the current Poet Laureate, with annual reporting to Council via memorandum of program activities.
2. That the annual stipend for the Poet Laureate be increased to \$2,500 with an additional \$1,500 provided annually to fund a poetry-focused public event or community poetry project, hosted by the current Poet Laureate, and up to \$250 provided for kilometre reimbursement for travel related to serving the Poet Laureate role with pre-approval being given by the Economic and Creative Development Department.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Infrastructure and Growth Management Division for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2024-03-06.

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

COMMITTEE UPDATE AND EVENTS

Members of Committee discussed the arts and cultural events taking place in the community related to the organizations they represent.

PERFORMING ART CENTRE (PAC) UPDATE

D. Bell, Director of Recreation and Culture Services, provided a brief update on the Performing Arts Centre. He advised that he would report back to the Committee once more information becomes available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN