



**Final
Arts Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

2:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

**For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on
November 19, 2025.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, A. Courser at 2:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Chair – Councillor A. Courser
I. Churchward
T. Durbano
S. Herman
L. A. Rodgers

Absent: 3 - Councillor, C. Riepma
G. Groen
N. Mazhab Jafari

STAFF:

Culture Development Officer, A. Dyke
Director of Recreation Services, K. Datema
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES REGARDING CULTURE DEVELOPMENT

Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation Services provided an update concerning organizational changes at the City of Barrie regarding Culture Development.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Datema and received responses.

CULTURE DAYS UPDATE

Amanda Dyke, Cultural Development Officer provided an update concerning Culture Days highlighting events scheduled between September 19 and October 12, 2025.

Ms. Dyke and Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation Services provided an update on the status of the City's Culture Plan.

Member of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Dyke and Mr. Datema and received responses.

DOORS OPEN BARRIE UPDATE

Amanda Dyke, Cultural Development Officer provided an update concerning 2025 Doors Open Barrie including participating locations and events. Ms. Dyke highlighted that the 2025 Doors Open Barrie has been incorporated as part of Culture Days events. Ms. Dyke advised that Doors Open Barrie has been scheduled for September 27, 2025.

BARRIE ARTS AWARD UPDATE

Amanda Dyke, Cultural Development Officer provided an update concerning the Barrie Arts Awards including number of nominations received, award categories and sponsors, and designer of the 2025 Barrie Arts Award.

Ms. Dyke advised that the 2025 Barrie Arts Award gala has been scheduled for November 18, 2025, at the MacLaren Art Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN