



# City of Barrie

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## Final Arts Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, December 21, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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**For consideration by the City Building Committee on February 8, 2022.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Groen at 10:02 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 7 - Councillor C. Riepma  
J. Chomyn  
G. Groen  
S. Herman  
J. Lougheed  
I. Moggach  
J. Ness

**Absent:** 2 - L. Daniels  
K. Green

**STAFF:**

Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson  
Culture Officer (Development), A. Dyke  
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

**SECTION "A"**

**COMMITTEE MANDATE/STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The Committee discussed its mandate, making changes where it saw fit, and further discussing the distinction between an advisory group and a lobbying group, as well as the Committee’s role. The Committee voted in favour of the mandate to be put before Council.

The Committee provided suggestions on potential items for its strategic priorities and deferring further discussions to its next meeting.

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

**SECTION "B"**

Recommendation:

**COMMITTEE MANDATE/STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

1. That Schedule ‘B’ of By-law 2019-100, be amended by adding the following mandate for the Barrie Arts Advisory Committee:

That the Barrie Arts Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Schedule ‘B’ of By-law 2019-100, be amended by adding the following mandate for the Committee:

**Mandate**

To advise City Council and staff on all matters regarding the arts and culture in the City of Barrie.

2. That the Barrie Art Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended by replacing the objectives in Section 3 with the following:

**Objectives**

To ensure that arts and culture is appropriately represented in City

plans, policy initiatives, infrastructure projects, and budgets, wherever and whenever possible. This undertaking has as its purpose, the development of the City of Barrie as a vibrant, unique, and diverse centre for the arts.

This matter was recommended (Section "A") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/08/2022.

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

### **SECTION "C"**

#### **REOPENING OF GEORGIAN THEATRE**

Councillor C. Riepma indicated that Council did approve the budget for the reopening of the Georgian Theatre, subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE TASK FORCE PRESENTATION - JANUARY**

Councillor C. Riepma mentioned that the task force has been working since the summer of 2021, preparing a presentation to present to Council in January on what the theatre should include, public survey results, and fundraising ideas.

The Committee had a further discussion on the task force, the presentation contents, what concerns Council may have, and if the Committee can provide any support.

#### **NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE UPDATE**

Councillor C. Riepma shared information on the budget allotment approved by Council, explaining that his expectation is that Council will give staff direction to proceed and to report back to Council with a terms of reference for the architect, suggestions for a steering committee, and how to implement the recommendations of the task force. Councillor Riepma outlined some of the recommendations of the task force to Council, such as seating in both the main and orchestra levels, a second theatre, a fly tower, stage size, a multi-purpose room, and backstage requirements.

#### **BARRIE BUDGET - ARTS AND CULTURE 2022**

Stephannie Schlichter indicated that a staff report was put before Council in November concerning the implementation of the Cultural Grant Program, now known as the Arts and Cultural Investment Fund. Ms. Schlichter

provided that staff made a recommendation for an annual contribution as part of the operating cost for 2022. She further mentioned that due to COVID-19, there has been a delayed return to performance, whereas staff did request additional funding for support because of reduced audience size due to capacity restrictions that Council did accept. It was also mentioned that the online application process has been launched and closes January 31, 2022.

Ms. Schlichter indicated that the standard budgeted funding was approved, continuing funding for the Arts Awards Program, the Public Arts Piece, and the Cultural Development Portfolio.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN