



City of Barrie

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Final Arts Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, I. Moggach at 10:03 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Councillor C. Riepma
J. Chomyn
L. Daniels
S. Herman
J. Lougheed
I. Moggach
J. Ness

Absent: 2 - G. Groen
K. Green

STAFF:

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

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

THE 5 POINTS/GEORGIAN THEATRE ACTIVITIES

Rob Bell, Director of Recreation and Culture provided an update on the 5 Points Theatre and the Georgian Theatre. He indicated that due to the changes with COVID-19 protocols and the impending reopening, there has been a lot of expressed interest in the theatre spaces.

Mr. Bell further provided that discussions are continuing with Georgian College concerning the agreement respecting the Georgian Theatre, which is expected to be fulfilled prior to an event that is anticipated for March 27, 2022. He advised that the construction for improvements at Georgian College Theatre is being scheduled and organized.

Members of the Committee asked questions of Mr. Bell on the impending and potential COVID-19 and attendance protocols, the number of days currently on hold for future events, renovations at the Georgian Theatre and received responses.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION UPDATE

Stephannie Schlichter, Director of Economic and Creative Development advised that Council had adopted a set of recommendations in association with the work that the Performing Arts Task Force completed and what the next steps look like for staff, regarding operationalizing recommendations with respect to scope, design, and fundraising. Ms. Schlichter indicated that the Task Force will be regrouping to determine its direction.

Members of the Committee asked questions on a public engagement piece and a communication plan for the Performing Arts Centre and received responses from both Ms. Schlichter and Mr. Bell.

BARRIE ARTS AWARDS FEEDBACK

Amanda Dyke, Culture Officer - Development indicated that the Barrie Arts Awards are scheduled to take place in November, 2022 at a venue has not yet been secured. Ms. Dyke asked the Committee to share some ideas for potential venues, awards categories, themes, performers, and presentations.

Members of the Committee provided suggestions on performers and asked questions of Ms. Dyke and received responses.

EDUCATIONAL ROLE OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Iain Moggach invited the Committee to provide suggestions and ideas on the educational role of the Arts Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed

theatre organizations and their community education, as well as advocacy and promoting as an Advisory Committee to support the arts community.

Councillor, C. Riepma provided suggestions to help expand the role and visibility of the Committee. The Committee further discussed different ways to engage with Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN