



City of Barrie

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Final - Final Arts Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

2:00 PM

Huronian Room A

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

**For Consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on
April 30, 2025.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor A. Courser at 2:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Chair – Councillor A. Courser
Councillor, C. Riepma
I. Churchward
S. Herman
I. Moggach

Absent: 3 - T. Durbano
G. Groen
N. Mazhab Jafari

STAFF:

Culture Development Officer, A. Dyke
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn
Manager of Small Business and Creative Sector, C. Pollard
Public Art Coordinator, C. Ryan
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave
Supervisor of Venue Management, L. Andrew

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

MERIDIAN SQUARE CURTAIN UPDATE

Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation and Culture Services provided an update to the committee regarding Meridian Square and the feasibility of having a curtain installed. Mr. Datema outlined other options that staff are looking into at the moment. The committee outlined concerns relating to noise from the wind and traffic.

GRIFFIN ART

Chair, Councillor A. Courser and Amanda Dyke, Culture Service Officer advised that Griffin Art is a group of ushers who use microgrants to obtain bursaries to help kids get involved in the arts. Amanda Dyke will invite them to present at a future Arts Advisory meeting.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BY-LAW

Jason Forgrave, Supervisor of Enforcement Services discussed the Adult Entertainment By-law with the committee. Mr. Forgrave advised that the by-law has not been reviewed since 2005.

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

SECTION "B"

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BY-LAW

That staff in the Legislative and Court Services Department investigate how other municipalities have separated “Burlesque Dancing” from the Adult Entertainment By-law, and report back to the Arts Advisory Committee.

The Arts Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

CULTURE DAYS 2024 DEBRIEF AND 2025 IDEATION

Amanda Dyke, Culture Service Officer discussed the success of Culture Days 2024. This year’s event is running from September 19th until October 12th, 2025. Ms. Dyke asked committee members to provide a call out to artists to submit work for the exhibits and future ideas.

DOORS OPEN BARRIE ANNOUNCEMENT AND IDEATION

Amanda Dyke, Culture Service Officer discussed the Doors Open Barrie Announcement. The event is being held on Saturday September 27th, 2025, at Heritage sites located in the City opened to the public. The committee discussed the possibility of reaching out to local organizations to see if they would be interested in being part of the Doors Open Barrie event.

BARRIE ARTS AWARDS 2024 DEBRIEF AND 2025 IDEATION

Amanda Dyke, Culture Service Officer discussed the success of the Barrie Arts Awards for 2024. Ms. Dyke asked committee members to put a call out to local statuette artists to apply for the event. The committee discussed the possibility of adding an Arts Award category for volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

CHAIRMAN