



**RECREATION AND CULTURE
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MEMORANDUM**

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TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: R. BELL, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES, EXT: 4452

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: CANADA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GEORGIAN THEATRE

DATE: JUNE 14, 2021

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update regarding the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative grant application for the Georgian Theatre.

On March 1, 2021, City Council adopted the following motion with respect to an application to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative:

“21-A-026 CANADA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES

1. That notwithstanding motion 21-G-006 concerning the 2021 Business Plan, the Directors of Recreation and Culture Services and Economic and Creative Development or their designates, be authorized to submit an application for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative for an improvement grant to transform the Georgian Theatre to create a safer and more vibrant space with improved mobility options and/or digital solutions.
2. That if the grant is successful staff report back to General Committee regarding the operating cost implications and prior to the execution of any agreements.

Staff with the support and assistance of representatives of the performing arts sector, submitted a grant application for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. Recently, staff were advised that the application was not successful. However, a second round of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative grant opened on May 14, 2021. Staff will be submitting a revised application that addresses feedback received regarding the first submission.

As part of the 2021 Business Plan, an intake form was approved that ended the lease of the theatre with Georgian College. The acceptance of this intake form removed all operating and capital funds for the theatre. As the results of the second round of the Canada Healthy Communities Grant opportunities are to be awarded in mid September of 2021, Recreation and Culture staff are preparing an intake form outlining the operating and capital funds that would be needed to operate the Georgian Theatre for the next three+ years for consideration as part of the 2022 Business Planning process.

Once the results of Round 2 of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative become available, staff will provide additional information.