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**ROUNDTABLE ON ARTS AND CULTURE  
MINUTES  
MEETING 2**

**Date of Meeting:** September 27, 2004  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 1  
City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

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**Members**

<p><b>Present:</b> Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair Councillor Brian Ashton David Baile Shirley Blumberg Richard Fung Mallory Gilbert Phil Goldsmith Gordon Graham Piers Handling</p>	<p><b>Absent:</b> Anne Collins Clifton Joseph Dennis Lee Lenny Lombardi Sonja Smits William Thorsell Brian Topp</p>
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The meeting convened at 6:10 p.m. with Councillor Rae in the Chair.

There were no declarations of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

**Confirmation of Minutes – July 22, 2004 – *Confirmed.***

**Reports/Communications:**

**1. “Anywhere but Toronto” – Next Steps**

Clause 1 of Report 6 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled “Alignment of Key Culture Plan Goals – Resources and Tools”, which will be considered by City Council on September 28, 29 and 30, 2004.

E-mail (September 23, 2004) from Brian Topp reporting on his attendance, together with Kevin Garland, at the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on September 13, 2004.

*Minute 2.1*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the clause and communication.*

**2. Museum Station – Communication from John Lorinc**

Outcome from the Art Committee for Public Places meeting. (written material to be circulated)

*Minute 2.2*

*Terry Nicholson of the Culture Division advised that the Art Committee for Public Places would be dealing with the Museum Station issue at its next meeting.*

*Bonnie Rubinstein of the Contact Toronto Festival appeared before the Roundtable on Arts and Culture.*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture:*

- (1) requested the Chair to ask Councillor Ashton, Richard Fung and Terry Nicholson of the Culture Division to meet with the Toronto Transit Commission and discuss opportunities for integrating art into the public areas of the TTC, and report back to the next meeting of the Roundtable; and*
- (2) thanked Bonnie Rubinstein for attending the meeting.*

### **3. Arts and Culture Budget Consultation**

Discussion

*Minute 2.3*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture:*

- (1) requested the Chair to:*
  - (a) work with the Mayor's office after the "Listening to Toronto" gathering on November 28, 2004, on setting aside a day at the beginning of December to focus on arts and culture budget consultation;*
  - (b) encourage members of the Roundtable to attend the forum on November 28, 2004, and speak to the Mayor about art and culture in the City.*
- (2) received the article on the Barcelona Arts Festival submitted by Shirley Blumberg.*

### **4. Culture Plan Priorities for 2005**

Discussion:

- outlook for 2005 budget process;
- 2006/07 Celebration working group;
- heritage tax rebates.

*Minute 2.4*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture*

- (1) requested the Chair to ask the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the budget required to implement the five-year target increase for the major cultural organizations as approved in the Culture Plan; and*
- (2) postponed further discussion of the 2006/2007 Celebration working group and the heritage tax rebates until the next meeting.*

**5. Clean and Beautiful City Roundtable**

Clause 37 of Report No. 7 of The Policy and Finance Committee , entitled “Appointment of Community Members for the Roundtable on a Beautiful City”, which will be considered by City Council on September 28, 29 and 30, 2004.

*Minute 2.5*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the Clause.*

**6. Toronto Branding Project**

Discussion – how to ensure a focus on culture.

*Minute 2.6*

*Liz Gill and David Norris of the Branding Project gave a presentation on the results of Phase 1 of the Branding Project.*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture thanked Liz Gill and David Norris and received the presentation.*

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

*Minute 2.7*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture requested the Chair to hold an informal session of the Roundtable in early December to discuss the 2005 budget and strategy for the 2006 budget process.*

*The next regular meeting will be called by the Chair.*

**8. Replacement – Roundtable Member**

*Minute 2.8*

*The Chair advised that Suzanna Birchwood resigned from the Roundtable as she was no longer with the Toronto Reference Library.*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture requested the Chair to confer with the Mayor's Office regarding a replacement, with the provision that the person be someone from the Library.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.*

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Chair