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**ROUNDTABLE ON ARTS AND CULTURE  
MINUTES  
MEETING 1**

**Date of Meeting:** March 10, 2005      **Enquiry:** Merle MacDonald,  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.      **Acting Administrator**  
**Location:** Committee Room 2      **416-392-7340**  
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Toronto, Ontario

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**Members**

Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair Shirley Blumberg Sonia Chai Pier Giorgio Di Cicco Richard Fung Mallory Gilbert	Phil Goldsmith Kevin Garland Gordon Graham Clifton Joseph Sonja Smits Brian Topp
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The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. with Councillor Rae in the Chair.

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

**Confirmation of Minutes – September 27, 2004 – Confirmed.**

**Reports/Communications:**

**1. Appointment of New Member**

Communication (December 9, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004, amended the membership of the Mayor's Roundtable on Arts and Culture by deleting the name of Susanne Birchwood and adding the name of Sonia Chai as the Toronto Public Library representative on the Roundtable.

*Minute 1.1*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture:*

- (1) *welcomed Sonia Chai, representative of the Toronto Public Library, and Pier Giorgio Di Cicco, Poet Laureate of Toronto; and*
- (2) *received the communication from the City Clerk.*

**2. Creativity Celebration Overview**

*Minute 1.2*

*Rita Davies gave a brief update on the Cultural Capital Designation of Toronto and the Culture Branding.*

*Jaye Robinson gave a presentation on the activities being planned for the Creativity Celebration in 2006.*

*Action:*

*The Roundtable on Arts and Culture thanked Jaye Robinson for her presentation.*

**3. Culture Sounding December 7, 2005**

*Minute 1.3*

*The Chair and Members of the Roundtable on Arts and Culture had a discussion on the Culture Sounding on December 7, 2005. A diskette of the program was distributed to the members for their information.*

**4. Poet Laureate Legacy Projects**

*Minute 1.4*

*Pier Giorgio Di Cicco discussed some of his ideas and his desire to bring sensitivity to legacy projects.*

**5. 2005 Culture Budget Update**

*Minute 1.5*

*Councillor Rae gave an update on the Capital and Operating Budgets and the 2005 Culture Budget approved by City Council for 2005.*

**6. Culture Plan Progress Report to Council**

*Minute 1.6*

*Terry Nicholson gave an update on the implementation strategy and outline for the report to be submitted in July.*

**7. Updates – Various items of Interest**

*Minute 1.7*

*Brian Topp - reported on the outcome of the tax credit issue which was before the Roundtable on Arts and Culture at its last meeting. He also reported on the new Toronto Film Board.*

*Councillor Rae – advised that the property at 130 Bloor Street West which contains a penthouse designed by the acclaimed American Architect Philip Johnson was recommended for inclusion in the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.*

**8. Proposed Schedule of Meetings**

*Minute 1.8*

*Action:*

*The following meeting dates were confirmed by the Roundtable on Arts and Culture:*

*June 13, 2005  
September 27, 2005*

*The date of December 5, 2005 was not confirmed at this time as the Committee Secretary was requested to try to arrange a different meeting date, if possible.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.*

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*Chair*