



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

Date of Meeting: March 1, 2006 **Enquiry:** Merle MacDonald,
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Acting Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **416-392-7340**
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Toronto, Ontario

Attendant Care Services can be made available with some advance notice.

Members

Present: Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair Greg Connolly Pier Giorgio Di Cicco Richard Fung Mallory Gilbert Phil Goldsmith Piers Handling Brian Topp	Regrets: Councillor Brian Ashton David Baile Shirley Blumberg Anne Collins Kevin Garland Clifton Joseph Lenny Lombardi Sonja Smits William Thorsell
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Under the *Municipal Act 2001*, the Roundtable on Arts and Culture must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* – None.

Confirmation of Minutes – December 1, 2005 – Confirmed.

Communications and Reports:

- 1. Appointment of Greg Connolly to the Mayor’s Roundtable on Arts and Culture**

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the communication and welcomed Greg Connolly as the IATSE representative on the Roundtable.

Communication (February 10, 2006) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2006, amended the membership of the Mayor's Roundtable on Arts and Culture by deleting the name "Gordon Graham", and inserting the name "Greg Connolly" as the IATSE representative on the Roundtable.

2. Creative Cities Presentation

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the presentation.

Rita Davies and Karen Thorne-Stone introduced Meric Gertler and provided some background information on the innovation and research partnership initiative between the Province and the City of London.

Meric Gertler gave a presentation on the preliminary findings of the joint project and advised that a report will be coming out in the near future.

Karen Thorne-Stone informed the Roundtable that staff will be reporting on this subject at the next meeting of the Roundtable.

3. Cultural Investment Strategy

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the presentation.

Greg Reed gave a presentation on the cultural investment strategy and the private sector perspective on cultural affairs in the City of Toronto.

4. Update on the 2006 Budget Process

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the update.

Chair Kyle Rae gave an update on the 2006 budget process as it related to the Culture Plan and the Arts and Culture Grants.

5. Live With Culture Update

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the update.

Gregory Nixon reported on the Face the Arts Campaign and the artists that will be featured. A major media event would be the announcement of Nuit Blanche on March 22, 2006.

Ann Kennedy reported that there were 26,000 visits on the Live With Culture website in February.

6. Roundtable – Next Steps

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture postponed the discussion of this matter to its meeting on May 17, 2006.

7. Heritage Matters

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture postponed the discussion of this matter to its meeting on May 17, 2006, to be scheduled as the first item of business.

Update – Phil Goldsmith

Added Items Introduced:

8. Consultation with Culture Stakeholders Outside the Downtown Core of the City of Toronto

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the communication for information.

Communication (January 17, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee forwarding, for information, a report (December 19, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, responding to the Economic Development and Parks Committee's request for feedback from stakeholders outside the downtown core of the City of Toronto regarding Culture budgets and the potential for increasing the budgets for their programs.

9. Humanitas

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture thanked the following persons for coming to the meeting and looked forward to hearing their presentation in August 2006.

Introduction by Carolyn Taylor, Culture Division, of Jette Sandahl, Founding Director of the Museum of World Culture in Sweden, and Lars Henriksson, Honorary Consul, Consulate of Sweden,

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Chair