



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

Date of Meeting: May 17, 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 David Baile Shirley Blumberg Anne Collins Greg Connolly Mallory Gilbert Kevin Garland Sonja Smits Linda Hazzan	Regrets: Councillor Brian Ashton Pier Giorgio Di Cicco Richard Fung Phil Goldsmith Piers Handling Clifton Joseph Lenny Lombardi William Thorsell Brian Topp
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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*

Confirmation of Minutes – March 1, 2006 *Confirmed.*

Communications and Reports:

- 1. The Canadian Media Guild - CBC
Toronto Broadcast Centre – 250 Front Street West**

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture requested Chair Kyle Rae to:

- (a) *forward the following recommendations contained in the submission (May 17, 2006) from Arnold Amber of the Canadian Media Guild to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration:*
- (1) *That the City of Toronto proclaim the importance of the broadcasting centre and its production facilities as a resource to the City's broader arts and culture sector;*
 - (2) *the City of Toronto call on the federal government to increase CBC's parliamentary allotment to allow for more original programming production for TV, radio and cbc.ca; and*
 - (3) *the City of Toronto undertake more detailed research on the impact of broadcasting activities on the economic health of the City.*
- (b) *forward the following recommendation contained in the submission (May 17, 2006) from Arnold Amber of the Canadian Media Guild to City Council for consideration as a Notice of Motion:*

That the City of Toronto oppose the OMB appeal by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation regarding its variance application to allow more non-CBC uses in the Centre, on the grounds that the changes sought by the CBC must be the subject of a full rezoning process that allows opportunity for public input and debate.

The above requests were voted on unanimously.

Karen Wirsig and Arnold Amber of the Canadian Media Guild/Gilde canadienne des medias, addressed the Roundtable on Arts and Culture and filed a submission regarding the Toronto Broadcast Centre;

2. Roundtable – Next Steps

Action:

Don Eastwood, the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, undertook to prepare a discussion paper for the Roundtable meeting in December 2006, on the City's Culture Plan and what has been accomplished to date, the activities of the Roundtable, the impacts across the City of the efforts of the Roundtable and Culture staff, and plans for the future.

(Deferred from previous meeting)

3. Theatre Space – Development Pressure

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the presentations.

Lori Martin gave a presentation on developments being planned in the area bounded by Queen Street West, Dufferin Street, the Railway Tracks and Dovercourt Road.

Mallory Gilbert also gave a presentation on the issue of dwindling audiences, the wait-and-see attitude of today's audiences, and the issue of not having enough media coverage of smaller theatres and cultural events.

4. Live With Culture Update

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the presentations.

The following persons gave brief presentations to the Roundtable:

- *Caroline Taylor, Humanitas*
- *Jane French, Doors Open Toronto*

5. Advocacy for the Arts - Discussion

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the verbal report.

Greg Connolly reported that he is coordinating with Clare Hopkinson and Rita Davies to get the message out to members of organized labour on the importance of culture and advocacy for the arts.

6. Budget Update

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture received the verbal report.

Rita Davies gave a verbal update on the budget for Culture and culture programs.

Item Introduced

7. Replacement of Toronto Library Representative

Action:

The Roundtable on Arts and Culture requested Chair Kyle Rae to forward a Notice of Motion to City Council, recommending that Linda Hazzan of the Toronto Public Library be appointed to the Roundtable on Arts and Culture, replacing Sonia Chair who is no longer with the Toronto Public Library.

Communication (May 12, 2006) from Lynn Stanborough, Toronto Public Library, advising that Sonia Chair is no longer with the Toronto Public Library, and that Linda Hazzan, the new Director of Marketing and Communications, would be representing the Library at the Roundtable on Arts and Culture.

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

Chair