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November 20, 2008

**To: Budget Committee**

**From: Economic Development Committee**

**Subject: Creative City Framework Implementation**

**Decision Advice and Other Information:**

**The Economic Development Committee forwarded the report (November 3, 2008), entitled "Creative City Framework Implementation", from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to the Budget Committee for its consideration during the 2009 Operating Budget process.**

**Committee Recommendations:**

The Economic Development Committee recommended to City Council that:

1. The General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be directed to work with City Planning to:
  - a. advance cultural mapping by working with the 'Placing Creativity' partnership, and develop cultural resource mapping to identify areas of high cultural industry concentration or potential;
  - b. develop a shared definition for creative and cultural industries for the City of Toronto to better measure and advocate on behalf of the sector; and
  - c. retain and create cultural space in Toronto through targeted programs, increased collaboration between City divisions, development of staff teams, and ongoing engagement with the community.
2. Council receive the report Funding to Arts and Cultural Organizations by the City of Toronto, 1990-2008 by the Martin Prosperity Institute (Attachment 1) for information.

Background:

The Economic Development Committee on November 20, 2008, considered a report (November 3, 2008) from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, respecting the Creative City Framework Implementation.

Speakers:

Kevin Stolarick, Ph.D, Research Director, The Martin Prosperity Institute, gave a presentation on his report (Attachment 1)

Kevin Garland, Executive Director, National Ballet of Canada,

Cameron Bailey, Co-Director, Toronto International Film Festival

John McKellar, Chair, Toronto Arts Council

Weyni Mengesha, Theatre Director

Albert Schultz, Artistic Director, Soulpepper Theatre Company, Young Centre for the Performing Arts

Greg A. Reed, Vice Chairman, Business for the Arts

Karl Sprogis, Chair of Board of Directors, Arts Etobicoke

Susan Nagy, Executive Director, Lakeshore Arts

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Deputy City Manager Sue Corke

c. Ingrid Gridauskas, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism