



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Toronto Arts Council Agreement

Date:	May 29, 2012
To:	City Council
From:	General Manager Economic Development and Culture
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:/2012/Cluster A/EDC/CNCL/ed1206-002

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on May 22, 2012, the Economic Development Committee requested the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to report directly to City Council on information on the five-year agreement with the Toronto Arts Council (TAC) and provide a copy of the agreement.

The City recognizes the importance of supporting arts and culture activities for Torontonians. These events enliven our shared expressions, enrich the quality of life and place for both residents and visitors, and encourage cultural tourism. The City continues its long history in supporting organizations and individual artists through funding allocations made through the Toronto Arts Council. The five-year agreement between the TAC and the City has served the arts and culture community well. This agreement allows for a financial and administrative reporting practice, and provides the TAC the necessary commitment and resources to manage the granting practice effectively and efficiently exercise its responsibilities to the City.

This report provides additional information to report ED14.5. The Toronto Arts Council five-year agreement, 2002, and the renewal agreement, 2007, are attached.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

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ISSUE BACKGROUND

Started in 1974, the Toronto Arts Council is an independent not-for-profit corporation overseen by a community-based volunteer Board of Directors. Currently, the Board of Directors numbers 29, with City Council nominating five Councillors to the Board. The remaining members are not selected, appointed or approved by City Council but established through the TAC's own process as an independent not-for-profit corporation. Since its inception, the TAC has acted on behalf of the City of Toronto to administer the distribution of arts and culture funding.

COMMENTS

The City entered into a formal five-year agreement with the Toronto Arts Council in 2002 and the agreement was renewed for another five-year term commencing January 1, 2007. The renewed agreement with the Toronto Arts Council has been functioning as anticipated. The Toronto Arts Council five-year agreement, 2002, and the renewal agreement, 2007, are attached.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Toronto Arts Council Agreement, 2002
Attachment No. 2: Toronto Arts Council Renewal Agreement, 2007