

EC16.6**Decision Letter****Toronto Music Advisory Committee**

Meeting No.	6	Contact	Jonathan Canchela, Committee Secretary
Meeting Date	Thursday, September 24, 2020	Phone	416-338-5089
Start Time	2:30 PM	E-mail	tmac@toronto.ca
Location	Video Conference	Chair	Councillor Joe Cressy

MA6.1	Presentation	Amended		Ward: All
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Support for Artists**Committee Decision**

The Toronto Music Advisory Committee recommends to the Economic and Community Development Committee that:

1. City Council request the Government of Canada to:
 - a. ensure that adequate financial support continues to be accessible for self-employed and gig workers; and
 - b. extend the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy at current funding levels for music-industry employers and workers.
2. The Economic and Community Development Committee request the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to explore developing further online resources for artists through the Music Office, Film and Entertainment Industries, and report to the next meeting of the Toronto Music Advisory Committee.
3. The Economic and Community Development Committee request the City Manager to include recommendations to support affordable housing and a universal basic income for musicians in the Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild final report.
4. The Economic and Community Development Committee request the Toronto Music Office to consult with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat, and the Toronto Public Health to explore how the City of Toronto's COVID-19 shelter, housing, and Toronto Public Health response could align with the Toronto Music Advisory Committee's efforts to support live music venues and musicians.

Decision Advice and Other Information

Mike Tanner, Music Sector Development Officer, Economic Development and Culture, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Current Conditions for Musicians.

Summary

Members of the Toronto Music Advisory Committee and staff from Economic Development and Culture will make a presentation on the current conditions affecting musicians in Toronto, including COVID-related impacts, available financial assistance, and career development programs.

The Chair of the Toronto Music Advisory Committee will lead a discussion with Committee members to shape their recommendations on these issues.

Background Information

Presentation from Economic Development and Culture on Current Conditions for Musicians (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ma/bgrd/backgroundfile-156988.pdf>)

Communications

(September 24, 2020) Letter from Dr. Rea Beaumont, Toronto Musicians' Association (MA.New.MA6.1.1) (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/ma/comm/communicationfile-119406.pdf>)