

MA10.2

Toronto Music Advisory Committee

Music-related Work in Progress

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Musician Rehearsal Spaces in the City of Toronto

MM35.42 (City Council, July 2021)

- *“...direct the City Manager, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to review the current inventory, availability, cost, and general status of rehearsal space for musicians in the City of Toronto”*
- *“...consider measures the City can implement with respect to increasing, encouraging and protecting rehearsal space for musicians across the City, and in particular the west end of Toronto”*
- *“report back to the (December 7) 2021 meeting of the Executive Committee with both an assessment and recommendations.”*

Musician Rehearsal Spaces in the City of Toronto (2)

- Inventory
 - 20+ commercially available facilities / 250+ individual rooms
 - Rehearsal Factory (3 locations) accounts for 190+ rooms
 - Additional private (ie not widely / commercially available) space?
- To explore as possible measures
 - Zoning (highlight where rehearsal spaces are already permitted)
 - “community benefits” charges?
 - Incentives
- New models to consider
 - Vacant space (schools, / colleges; private [venues, churches...]; City-owned)
 - Partnerships (in-kind; sponsorship)

Toronto Music Strategy - Update

MA7.4 (TMAC, December 2020)

Steps:

1. Confirmed / met with TMAC task team
2. Reviewed existing content
 - noting accomplishments 2015-2020; items that are no longer priorities; refreshed data, numbers, dates
3. Engaged consultant
4. New content – focus on actions for CoT / Music Office in supporting music
 - reflect TMAC / music community priorities today & tomorrow
 - align with City of Toronto goals in advancing equity
 - connect with ongoing City work and strategies
5. TMAC engagement
 - task team; consultation process; when Strategy is presented

Questions / comments?