



## REPORT

### Council

**Meeting Date: September 16, 2024**

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**FROM:** Recreation and Culture

**DATE:** September 3, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Oakville Arts Council Agreement Renewal

**LOCATION:** Multiple

**WARD:** Town-wide

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Agreement between the Oakville Arts Council and The Corporation of the Town of Oakville, substantially in the form attached to the report dated September 3, 2024 from Recreation and Culture, be approved and that it be executed in accordance with By-law 2013-057.

#### **KEY FACTS:**

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The existing agreement between the town and the Oakville Arts Council expired in June 2024.
- In consultation with the Oakville Arts Council, staff recommend renewing the existing terms and conditions of the agreement through to the end of 2025.
- As part of the town's Culture Plan update, the agreement will be reviewed.
- The attached agreement renewal has been reviewed by the Oakville Arts Council Board of Directors.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Town of Oakville and the Oakville Arts Council have a long history of working together to encourage and enable participation in the local art scene. Since 1978, the Oakville Arts Council has served a membership of over 50 artists, art organizations, and the public, as a champion for the arts in Oakville.

The existing agreement between the town and the Oakville Arts Council expired in June 2024. The agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of both parties

and is in accordance with the Funded and Community Partners Policy and Procedure G-BRD-003 & G-BRD-003-01.

Through an annual operating grant from the town, the Oakville Arts Council works with the community to ensure arts continue to thrive in the town. The 2024 operating grant was \$96,500.

The Oakville Arts Council administers the annual Cultural Grants Program on behalf of the town. The 2024 Cultural Grants Program funding was \$189,500. In 2024, 30 local organizations received funding through this program.

Oakville Arts Council has an annual exclusive use lease office space at Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre which is covered in a separate agreement.

An update of the town's Culture Plan, including consultation with the community and community organisations, will be undertaken in 2025.

**COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

With the expiration of the existing agreement term, the town staff and The Oakville Arts Council recognize the need to review the scope and update the agreement.

Since the update of the town's Culture Plan is soon to initiate, it is recommended that the existing terms and conditions of the agreement be renewed through the end of 2025 and an in-depth review be included as part of the Culture Plan update.

The agreement has been developed through consultation with the Oakville Arts Council and has been approved by the Oakville Arts Council Board of Directors.

The recommended renewal agreement between the Town of Oakville and the Oakville Arts Council agreement is included in Appendix A.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

**(A) PUBLIC**

This report does not have public impact.

**(B) FINANCIAL**

No impact to the current annual budget.

**(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS**

There would be no impact to other departments or users.

**(D) COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This report addresses Council's strategic priorities: Community Belonging and Accountable Government.

**(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION**

N/A

**APPENDICES:**

Appendix A – Town of Oakville and the Oakville Arts Council Agreement

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