



Motion Memorandum

SUBJECT: Notice of Motion: Reconsideration of Decision F-48-23 Art Gallery of Burlington request for Facility Master Plan and Future Needs Feasibility Study

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Councillor Lisa Kearns, Ward 2

Date to Committee: select date

Date to Council: September 17, 2024

Motion for Council to Consider:

Reconsideration of decision related to Report F-48-23 Art Gallery of Burlington request for Facility Master Plan and Future Needs Feasibility Study.

Reason:

At the City of Burlington Council meeting held on November 14th the following recommendation was approved:

Approve one-time funding subject to confirmation of matching funds from the Canadian Heritage-Cultural Space Canada grant as recommended in finance department report F-48-23 for the Facility Master Plan and Future Needs Feasibility Study for the Art Gallery of Burlington (AGB).

AGB applied to Canadian Heritage's Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the matching funds to support the study was declined due to the program experiencing cuts of upwards of 60%, and their funding distribution materially changed to shovel-ready projects vs. feasibility studies.

The submitted application was robust, well-prepared and absent any fault.

The objective of The Facility Master Plan and Future Needs Feasibility Study remains unchanged as an opportunity to transform the AGB into a beacon for the expanding cultural community in Burlington through a well-executed program, building, and operating plan.

Outcome Sought:

To remove the specificity of the matching program and adjusting to incremental releases based on match funds up to \$100,000. No material financial changes will impact the City.

The AGB management and board are committed to moving this project forward and have decided to contract the project as four stages and have commenced phase one at a value of \$31,500. Funding has been secured from the Regional Tourism Board and other donations and contributions have advanced phase one in the absence of the expected Canadian Heritage's Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Grant.

The Executive Director of the AGB will be available to delegate and a further Motion Memo will be tabled at the October Council Meeting.

Appendix A: F-48-23 Art Gallery of Burlington request for Facility Master Plan and Future Needs Feasibility Study funding

Vision to Focus Alignment:

(check those that apply)

- ☒ Designing and delivering complete communities
- ☒ Providing the best services and experiences
- ☐ Protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate change
- ☐ Driving organizational performance

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Approved as per form by the City Clerk,

Reviewed by the City Manager - In accordance with the Code of Good Governance, Council-Staff Relations Policy and an assessment of the internal capacity within the City to complete the work based on a specific target date (quarter/year).

Comments:

City Clerk: none

City Manager: none