CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: October 12, 2005

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR COLLINS .................................................................

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ........................................................................

Whereas the arts enrich the lives of citizens living in Hamilton and Canadians across the country. A vibrant arts community is a fundamental component of a modern and progressive city. The arts celebrate and showcase the broad cultural diversity of Hamilton and help build and shape our sense of community.

And Whereas, the arts sector is vital to the economic growth of Hamilton, creating jobs and investment and attracting foreign visitors, making Hamilton one of Southwestern Ontario’s leaders in creativity and innovation.

And Whereas, the Canadian Arts Coalition, a partnership of 30 national arts service organizations representing thousands of individual arts enterprises across Canada, is calling for an increase of $5 per capita in federal funding to the arts through the Canada Council for the Arts. The Canada Council for the Arts is the central vehicle for supporting and promoting the arts in Canada and the key vehicle for investments in arts infrastructure.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Hamilton recommend that the Federal Government increase public investment in the arts in Canada through the Canada Council for the Arts by $5 per capita.