January 18, 2006

Mayor Larry Di Ianni
City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Hall
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Your Worship,

May I, both personally and on behalf of the Board and staff of the Canada Council for the Arts, express my belated gratitude and appreciation for the resolution of support by your City Council for an increase to the budget of the Canada Council for the Arts.

As I am sure you are aware, the government announced in late November a commitment to increase the Council’s budget significantly over the next three years. This commitment was a clear indication that the government recognizes the enormous contribution the arts make to the quality of life of Canadians and the communities they live in. Your support, along with that of individuals and organizations throughout the country, helped persuade the government of the necessity for this increased investment in the arts.

I said on the occasion of the announcement that this will provide the resources our artists and arts organizations desperately need to create, produce, present and tour outstanding work, and share that work with audiences at home and abroad.

Following the election, we will be working with the new government to fulfill this commitment.

Would you please extend my deepest appreciation to your colleagues for their valuable support?

Yours sincerely,

Karen Kain, C.C.
Chair

c.c.: Board Members
John Hobday, Director, Canada Council for the Arts