CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: November 9, 2005

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR …MCHATTIE…………………………………

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR……………………………………………………

Re: Funding for Arts Hamilton (formerly Hamilton and Region Arts Council)

Whereas, Arts Hamilton (formerly Hamilton and Region Arts Council) has functioned as an umbrella organization for all arts disciplines in the City of Hamilton for over 33 years;

Whereas, Arts Hamilton is the only organization that represents all arts disciplines;

Whereas, Arts Hamilton is the largest and oldest art council in Ontario;

Whereas, other arts councils have repeatedly used Arts Hamilton’s model, including ArtsBeat, which after many years remains a benchmark for Arts Council publications throughout the province;

Whereas, Arts Hamilton advocates on behalf of all arts disciplines; facilitates communication between arts disciplines, the City of Hamilton, and the community at large; collaborates and coordinates with arts groups so that they can do what they do best; and communicates with City Council and City staff on arts matters city-wide;

Whereas, the Ontario Arts Council grant to Arts Hamilton has been reduced over a period of years from $32,500 to $18,000; and

Whereas, Arts Hamilton has just learned that $50,000 per year previously available through bingo funding will no longer be available to the Arts Hamilton budget;

Whereas, the Arts Hamilton has recently produced a Strategic Plan, covering the four pillars of program, profile, resources, and partnerships;
Therefore:

1. Request City staff investigate a long-term partnership with Arts Hamilton to assist in the delivery of municipal arts and culture policies; and

2. Request 2005 contingency funds in the amount of $44,500 to assist Arts Hamilton to resume normal operations; implement the Strategic Plan, and explore long-term partnerships with the City of Hamilton.
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On motion the Committee reconvened in Open Session.