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Notice of Motion – June 26th, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Brad Butt
Seconded by: Councillor Chris Fonseca

WHEREAS Mississauga is Canada's seventh largest city and continues to grow as a culturally diverse and rapidly urbanizing city, with significant arts, cultural, and heritage organizations and a thriving creative economy;

AND WHEREAS a strong and thriving local arts and cultural sector is integral to attracting and promoting economic investment, growth, tourism, enriching residents' lives, improving health, and making our city a better place in which to live;

AND WHEREAS in March 2024, the Mississauga Arts Council hosted a round table of arts, culture, and heritage leaders, who were excited about the growth potential for a thriving arts economy, but also expressed concerns and challenges with affordability and financial limitations for artists and young artists leaving Mississauga for less expensive cities;

AND WHEREAS a Mississauga Arts Council presentation to General Committee on June 19, 2024 expressed challenges and concerns with underfunding for arts and culture in Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is committed to supporting arts, culture and heritage organizations, community festivals and events and working together with our community partners to deliver high quality cultural experiences that make Mississauga a great place to live and a popular destination to visit;

AND WHEREAS it is time for the City of Mississauga to do a proper review of how it funds and supports the arts, culture and heritage sectors along with the work City staff have been doing on this, and given there is great interest from the Mayor and Members of Council to do this review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A subcommittee of Council be established, for a limited period of time, to review and make appropriate recommendations on arts, culture, heritage and festival funding, support, and resources; and
2. This subcommittee be comprised of the following Councillors, who have expressed an interest in serving: Councillor Brad Butt (Chair), Councillor Stephen Dasko, Councillor Chris Fonseca, Councillor John Kovac, Councillor Natalie Hart,

Councillor Dipika Damerla, Councillor Matt Mahoney, Councillor Martin Reid, and Councillor Sue McFadden; and

3. This Committee will work with the appropriate City Staff to consider the feedback of arts, culture, heritage, and festival community partners to determine how the City can best support the needs of these groups and continue to collaborate to ensure a thriving arts and culture sector and economy in Mississauga.

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