

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Community Human Services

Arts & Culture

Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: April Rietdyk,
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Date: November 4, 2022

Subject: Arts and Culture Representation at Mondial Montréal

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

The Arts and Culture division for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has been chosen to be part of a select Ontario Presents delegation for the 2022 Mondial Performing Arts Symposium in Montréal, QC from November 15 - 18, 2022. The Ontario Presents Performing Arts Presenting Network, of which the Capitol and Kiwanis Theatres are member venues, will provide 100% coverage for all expenses in connection with this event, which the Manager of Arts and Culture will attend.

Comments

The Municipal Corporate Travel and Business Related Expenses Policy states "Council shall be informed of all travel out of the province prior to departure, if acting on behalf of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent or being paid by the Municipality." As Ontario Presents funding for this event was not confirmed until mid-October, the invitation was extended and accepted without sufficient lead-time to inform Council before the date of this report.

Mondial Montréal is an annual event established in 2020. Each year, performers from around the world travel to Montréal to perform in front of industry professionals. The event is distinguished by the carefully selected artists and by the strength of the connections created between artists and professionals from around fifty regions of the globe.

The Arts and Culture division comprises the Capitol Theatre, Kiwanis Theatre, Thames Art Gallery, ARTspace, Chatham-Kent Museum, and the Milner and Ridge House museums. A key goal of the division is to build on the synergies between venues and genres with thought-provoking, multidisciplinary offerings; as such, Theatre

programming aims to complement that of the Museums and Galleries in terms of thematic content and audience reach. Representing diverse cultural voices is a key programming goal, and symposiums like Mundial offer a valuable opportunity to experience the best in culturally diverse performance, and form alliances with like-minded presenters to co-present national and provincial tours.

Consultation

The General Manager of Community Human Services has approved the attendance of the Manager of Arts and Culture at this event.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to attend the Mundial Montréal as all expenses will be covered by Ontario Presents.

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Attachment: None