

Decision Note

Title:	Arts and Culture Advisory Committee – Appointment of New Members
Date Prepared:	July 23, 2025
Report To:	Regular Meeting of Council
Councillor and Role:	Councillor Sandy Hickman, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
Ward:	N/A

Decision/Direction Required: Seeking Council approval of the appointment of one new member to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee to fill an existing vacancy.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee provides information and advice to Council on matters related to arts, culture, Indigenous and intangible cultural heritage that intersect City policies, programs, and services.

As a previous Call for Members did not result in a sufficient number of applicants to fill the category, a Call for Members was issued on behalf of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee seeking the following:

- Two organizational representatives from Cultural, Indigenous, and Intangible Cultural Heritage Organizations

The Call was posted in May, and previous unsuccessful applicants were asked to notify Staff should they wish their application to be reconsidered under the Cultural, Indigenous, and Intangible Cultural Heritage Organization category. A total of four complete applications were received and reviewed by Lead Staff. The following applicant is being recommended for appointment to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee:

- Caroline Godin, Soundbone Traditional Arts Foundation

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A

2. Partners or Interested Parties: Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

3. Is this a New Plan or Strategy: No

If yes, are there recommendations or actions that require progress reporting?

If yes, how will progress be reported? (e.g.: through the strategic plan, through Cascade, annual update to Council, etc.)

4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Connected City: Increase and improve opportunities for residents to connect with each other and the City.

A Connected City: Develop and deliver programs, services and public spaces that build safe, healthy and vibrant communities.

5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: Municipal Arts Plan

6. Accessibility and Inclusion: The Call for Members was widely circulated and made available in a variety of formats upon request.

7. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A

8. Privacy Implications: As per section 7.3 of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Terms of Reference all Committee members are required to refrain from the use or transmission of any confidential or privileged information while serving with the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: The Call for Members was published and posted by Communications Staff.

10. Human Resource Implications: N/A

11. Procurement Implications: N/A

12. Information Technology Implications: N/A

13. Information Management Implications: N/A

14. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council appoint Caroline Godin of the Soundbone Traditional Arts Foundation to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

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