

CITY OF KINGSTON
INFORMATION ITEM TO THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Committee members, Arts Advisory Committee
FROM: Karen Dolan, Committee Member
DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2012
SUBJECT: MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION ITEM:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Arts Advisory Committee with an update on the status of Recommendation 41 in the Kingston Culture Plan;

"That the City institute the Mayor's Arts Awards, a high-profile annual community-wide event where awards are presented by the Mayor in a number of categories. The awards could be sponsored and funded by local businesses, individuals and organizations, and recipients selected through a juried process".

According to the Kingston Arts Council's Service Level Agreement with the City;

*"With regard to the Mayor's Awards the Kingston Arts Council shall provide the following Services to the City in a diligent and timely manner, using qualified staff: a. Develop a plan to implement a Mayor's Arts Awards program **in collaboration with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the City, the Arts Advisory Committee and members of the local arts and business communities.**"*

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Arts Advisory Committee support the creation of a Mayor's Arts Awards, as recommended in the Kingston Culture Plan; and

THAT the Arts Advisory Committee appoint _____ and _____, to serve on the Kingston Arts Council Committee to develop the Mayor's Arts Awards.

MANDATE CONSIDERATIONS:

This report applies to the following Arts Advisory Committee mandates:

1. Monitoring the impact and effectiveness of the City of Kingston arts programs;
2. Making recommendations regarding existing programs and new initiatives;
3. Making staff and Council, through the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee, aware of changing conditions and opportunities in the arts;

DISCUSSION:

Megan Sirett, Grants Officer from the Kingston Arts Council has researched other Mayor's Arts Awards in various communities and has created a comparison chart (see attachment). The KAC is looking for input and support from the Arts Advisory Committee as we move forward with this new arts initiative so that we can develop a finalized plan by the end of December 2012, with implementation of the Mayor's Arts Awards in 2013.

The guidelines provided below, from KAC's service agreement, may help provide clarification and promote discussion;

"It is expected the plan to be developed shall address the following points:

- i. An awards strategy and selection process for determining recipients of the Mayor's Arts Awards that recognizes achievements in the arts and/or in support of the arts;*
- ii. A program budget and potential sources of funding to support the implementation of the Mayor's Arts Awards in partnership with local businesses, organizations and individuals; and*
- iii. An appropriate mechanism for the presentation of the Mayor's Arts Award.*

At this time, the KAC is looking for an expedient way to hear ideas from key stakeholders and interested individuals, and would ask that the Arts Advisory Committee appoint a committee member (or members) to participate in this process.

ATTACHMENTS

Mayor's Arts Awards Comparison Chart

AWARD	MUNICIPALITY or REGION	DISCIPLINES	PRIZE DESCRIPTION	TIMELINE (annual, biennial)	JURY PROCESS	AWARD CRITERIA	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	PROCESS (nomination, application)	EVENT
Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Award Nomination & Info Form	Edmonton (administered by the Professional Arts Coalition of Edmonton)	Celebrate arts community and partnerships between business and the arts. Categories: Award for Innovative Support by Business for the Arts; Sustained Support of the Arts; Promotion of the Arts; Outstanding Lifetime Achievement; Award for Youth Artist; Award for Excellence in Artistic Direction; Emerging Artist; Courage to Innovate Award	Only artists prizes have cash prize (\$2,500 each). Corporate or Business prizes receive recognition. All prizes are sponsored by a corporate sponsor	Annual	independent juries comprised of professional arts community, representatives from corporate sponsors, and from the office of the Mayor, past winners (when available)	Contribution to the Arts Community; artistic achievement; uniqueness; innovation. Specific criteria depending on the specific requirements of the award. Outlined in a Guideline Document provided with the Nomination Form.	any resident of Edmonton may nominate, including organizations; nominees can only be nominated in one category per year; may not be nominated by a family member	nomination form. Includes CV, letters of support, CDs DVDs or web links to artists' work. Description of why the nominee is worthy and how their activities match the criteria specific to the award	Award Ceremony and concert (purchased ticket event)
Arts Awards	Hamilton (administered by the City of Hamilton)	Established and Emerging Artist prizes in these disciplines: arts administration, community arts, fine craft, performance, visual art, lifetime achievement, arts education, media arts, music, theatre, writing	Established Artists and Lifetime Achievement: \$2,500 cash, bronze medal by local artist, civic and media recognition; Emerging Artists: \$1,000, civic and media recognition, certificate of recognition	Annual	Yes. All Established and Lifetime Achievement are evaluated by an independent jury comprised of discipline-specific artists and arts professionals, a member of the arts advisory commission will audit each jury session to ensure a fair and transparent process	Jurors will select the strongest nomination based on three principle bodies of information: The Work, The Career, The Reception; jury reserves the right to not select a winner in every category	Established: practicing professionally for 5 years or more; Emerging: practicing professionally for less than 5 years; Lifetime Achievement, due to the unique nature of Lifetime award there is a separate nomination process; must be 18 years or older, not in school, actively producing work, living in Hamilton (and area), may be self-taught or have training through formal education, apprenticeship, or mentorship, must be a resident or citizen of Canada	Nomination Package (comprehensive package available online), nominators can not be an immediate member of the family of the artist, or on the arts advisory commission, arts awards steering committee, or City of Hamilton staff or elected officials; artists can not self-nominate	Ticketed event
Arts Awards Waterloo Region	Kitchener Waterloo	2 Arts Awards for Lifetime Achievement (any discipline) and Corporate Arts Sponsor plus Festival or Event Awards. 11 Categories of achievements: Literary, Visual arts, music, mentor (arts educator), open (arts supporters, volunteers), Textile/Fibre, Leading Edge (under 25 years), Festival or Event, New Festival or Event, Festival or Event volunteer	statuette created exclusively for the arts awards waterloo region by local artist and a silver pin, Leading Edge Award winners receive a framed certificate and a cash honorarium.	Annual, although they expect a minimum of 4 nominations per category and will not necessarily award annually	Public Nominations of both professional and amateur artists, only Lifetime Achievement and Corporate Arts Supporters are selected by a jury.	Artistic Excellence, sustained development (with the exception of the New Festival/Event), impact on community	Waterloo Region artists and organizations	nomination entry form	Yes, event concert \$25 tickets at the Centre in the Square
Chris Doty Artist Award of Excellence	London (administered by the London Arts Council)	All professional artists* regardless of discipline. Awarded based on contribution to the London Arts Community serving as an example of artistic commitment, dedication and excellence. *Professional artist an individual who as exhibited, performed, or participated within a professional or culturally recognized context, and who generates a portion of his or her income from their profession	\$1,000 prize	annual pending funds from endowment	Yes	Contribution to the field of arts and culture in London	must be resident of London; Nomination process, artist cannot nominate his/herself, artist may only receive award once in his/her lifetime, artist may only be nominated by a resident of London	nomination submitted by email to the London Arts Council	
Owen Sound Awards	Owen Sound	2 Categories: Creation Awards in many disciplines: Literary, Visual, New Media, Theatre, Dance, Music, Emerging artist (any discipline), and Cultural Pillar Awards: Patron, Cultural Heritage, Lifetime Achievement	Only emerging artist Award offers a cash prize of \$500 that is sponsored by Investors Group	Awards will not necessarily be presented in every category every year					

Arts & Heritage Awards	Thunder Bay (administered by the City of Thunder Bay Cultural Services)	Performing Arts; Visual Arts; Heritage; Organization (non-profit); Emerging Youth Artists (20 and under); Cultural Educator; Cultural Sponsor; Business	Cash prizes \$1000 for Performing, Visual, Heritage, Organization, Cultural Educator; \$500 for emerging artists; artist-commissioned award for cultural supporter and business	Annual	Unable to find specifics on the selection process	Dedication, innovation, and excellence. Different criteria across the board per category. All must contribute to the community through their artistic practice and cultural work and volunteer efforts; describe the nominee and their work, awards, recognition, and over what period of time	Must live and work in Thunder Bay; may only be nominate in one category; staff and committee members of the City of Thunder Bay are ineligible	Nomination form	
Toronto Arts Foundation Awards	Toronto (Administered by the Toronto Arts Council Foundation)	Multiple Categories and disciplines: Arts for Youth Award (individual, collective, organization); Toronto Arts and Business Award; Emerging Artist Award; Roy Thomson Hall Award of Recognition; Toronto Cultural Life	All prizes offer a cash award - awards are donated or sponsored. See print out in file for cash prizes tied to specific awards. All winners will receive an original work of art commissioned by the TAF; each finalist photographed as part of the Finalist Portrait Series, an featured in the online version of Now Magazine	Annual	multi-disciplinary jury, 12 members, TAF Board to make final recommendations	Each prize has specific criterion -- overarching: outstanding contributions to Toronto's vibrant artistic and cultural life.	must be Canadian citizen or permanent resident with a demonstrated ongoing association with TO and who have made a significant contribution to the arts and culture of TO; must be living; may not nominate him/herself; may only receive one award once, but can be nominated for a different award; not eligible while on TAC board or staff; organizations must be headquartered in TO; businesses must be operating in TO and nominated by a TO-based arts org for business awards	Call for nominations	Mayor's Arts Awards Lunch
Mayor's Arts Awards	Vancouver	Studio Arts: Community Arts, Craft & Design, culinary, film & new media, literary, public art, visual arts; Performing Arts: Dance, Music, Theatre; Civic Cultural Awards	Honourees and Emerging Artists each receive a cash award of \$2,500 from the City of Vancouver	Annual	Yes	Honorees were chosen by a jury of their peers for a significant contribution to their respective disciplines and for showing leadership, innovation, support for Vancouver's cultural community over the course of their careers; each honouree selected an Emerging Artist in their discipline who demonstrates the promise of the next generation.			Lunch