

Windsor, Ontario July 4, 2011

**REPORT NO. 9 of the
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held June 8, 2011

Present: Councillor Al Maghnieh, Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Percy Hatfield
Councillor Ron Jones
Councillor Ed Sleiman

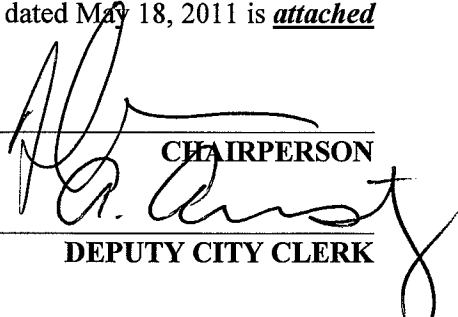
That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Hatfield,

1. Review new opportunities to collaborate in the University of Windsor in their existing program;
2. Investigate partnerships with the Windsor Public Library and the Arts Council to initiate new programs that would highlight local poets and include a nominal stipend to be determined or honorarium on an annual basis; and
3. Further that funds to support these programs (up to \$2,500) be charged to the current budget allocation in Cultural Affairs as part of the Municipal Cultural Master Plan Initiatives.

Carried.

Clerk's Note: The Report from the Community Development & Health Commissioner, entitled "CQ70-2010 - Re Model for Poet Laureate for the City of Windsor" dated May 18, 2011 is attached as background information.



CHAIRPERSON

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Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee		

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee-
Administrative Report

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

"The City of Windsor, with the involvement of its citizens, will deliver effective and responsive municipal services, and will mobilize innovative community partnerships"

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To: Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee

Subject: CQ70-2010 – Re Model for Poet Laureate for the City of Windsor

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1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: _____ Ward(s): _____

To Council **FOR APPROVAL** of the following recommendations:

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3. Further that funds to support these programs (up to \$2,500) be charged to the current budget allocation in Cultural Affairs as part of the Municipal Cultural Master Plan Initiatives.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

At its meeting of July 12, 2010, Councillor Gignac asked the following question:

CQ70-2010 "Asks Administration to bring forward options/model for a Poet Laureate for the City of Windsor. Position would be honorary – no or small stipend and for the term of council so we could enjoy the contribution of many individuals."

3. DISCUSSION:

Locally the University of Windsor, Department of English Literature hosts an internationally recognized Writer in Residence, who offers readings, lectures and workshops, Writers in residence have included Morley Callaghan, Tom Wayman, W.O. Mitchell, Adele Wiseman, Peter Robinson, Judith Fitzgerald, Daniel David Moses, Lillian Allen, Daphne Marlatt, Marilyn Dumont, Mansel Robinson, Margaret Christakos, Nino Ricci, Christopher Dewdney, David French and Terry Griggs.

The English Literature Department has a lively culture of creative reading and performance, grounded in the presence of a full-time Writer-in Residence and a Canada Council for the Arts series which brings nationally-acclaimed authors to campus every other month. Public readings at local venues take place frequently throughout the year, sometimes in collaboration with the Schools of Dramatic Art, Music or Visual Arts, or in conjunction with the Art Gallery of Windsor, or Artcite a local artist-run centre. A number of the faculty, students and alumni participate each year in Bookfest Windsor, an annual three-day celebration of the printed word that brings together poets, novelists, graphic artists and short story writers.

Early in the year of 2010, the London Arts Council urged London Literacy Artists to apply for the post of Poet Laureate to be selected by a jury guiding the process and as a result London joins Owen Sound, Kingston, Edmonton and Vancouver in a growing list of Poet Laureate positions that dates back centuries in Britain.

London, Ontario made their first Poet Laureate announcement in 2010, Penn Kemp. The appointment is made by the London Arts Council with an arm's length relationship with City Hall. An honorarium of \$2,500 given in a grant from the Creative City fund of the City of London goes to Kemp for her year-long duties. The next Poet Laureate will be selection in 2011.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Various funding mechanisms are in place such as grants support from the Canada Council for the Arts for the University for Windsor Program as well as municipal honorariums in support of existing programs. London provides a stipend of \$2,500 for the Poet Laureate appointed by the Arts Council. Grant provisions include up to forty percent community development for Writer in Residence Programs.


Owen Sound's program operate thru the Owen south and North Gray Union Public Library supported in the financial backing of business sponsors while Vancouver's program is made possible thru the support of the Canada Council for the Arts and the Friends of the Vancouver Public Library.


5. CONSULTATIONS:

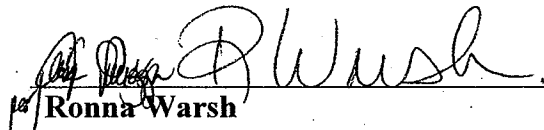
Arts Council of Windsor
University of Windsor – Department of English
Windsor Public Library

6. CONCLUSION:

Administration will continue to research and collaborate with private and not for profit sector to review opportunities and assist in promoting projects complimenting the objectives out lined in the Municipal Master Culture Plan and action Council's direction.


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