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## Memorandum

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**To:** Budget Standing Committee

**Cc:** Phil Cristi, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture Services

**From:** Powell, Kathleen

**Date:** November 15, 2018

**Subject:** Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Request to Increase 2019 St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program (SCCIP) Allocation

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On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approved the following motion:

“That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee submit a request to the Budget Standing Committee of Council requesting consideration of increasing the 2019 SCCIP allocation by a minimum of at least the Cost of Living.”

Moved by: Sandy Middleton      Motion: Carried

This request is further to recommendations brought forward by the Cultural Funding Task Force in its final report in December 2015. As a result of that report, at the February 3, 2016 meeting, the Budget Standing Committee approved a motion which included “That staff come back with a three (3) year implementation plan to achieve the \$3.28 per capita for the SCCIP.”

Council approved a cost of living percentage increase to SCCIP in 2018 for one year only. Funding for the past 3 years:

2017	\$332,500
2018	\$332,500 increased to \$337,488 by Council direction
2019	\$332,500

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is concerned about the decreased ability to support cultural activities in the community and has put forward the motion as noted above.