



At the meeting of November 19, 2018,
this memo was deferred to the
meeting of November 22, 2018

Memorandum

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

On November 6th, 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:

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| 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.