

## **Arts and Culture BC017-2023**

Whereas Brampton City Council recognizes the benefits of Arts and Culture to the City of Brampton and the valuable contributions of the local creative community;

Whereas Council approved the City's first Culture Master Plan in 2018, which identified a critical need to expand spaces for Creative Production and Presentation in Brampton;

Whereas staff were directed to identify municipally-owned properties to expand dedicated cultural space in the City;

Whereas the heritage-designated former OPP Administration building at Flower City Community campus, with a civic address of 8990 McLaughlin Road, Brampton, Ontario, is beyond the reasonable state of repair and not economical to remediate;

Whereas the boarded building referenced above is impacted by mold, asbestos and other hazardous substances, and was estimated in 2020 to require a minimum of \$1,000,000 to establish safe access to the facility;

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The City de-designate the heritage property located at 8990 McLaughlin Road, Brampton, Ontario, to allow for demolition of the existing heritage building while retaining heritage elements to the greatest extent possible;
2. That a new capital project be included in the 2023 Capital Budget in the amount of \$2,600,000 for the demolition of the building identified above and the design of an Arts and Culture Centre, including accommodations for community space, to be funded from Reserve #4 – Repair and Replacement;
3. That Capital Project #236811-001 - Brampton Arts and Culture Hub Feasibility Study currently included in the Proposed 2023 Capital Budget in the amount of \$60,000 with funding from Reserve #4 – Repair and Replacement, be removed;
4. Council delegate authority to the CAO or his designate to expedite the actions necessary to prepare the site, issue an RFP to solicit consulting services and evaluate the needs of the arts and cultural sectors in the community and determine the size, scope and funding strategy for a purpose-built Arts & Culture Centre, including accommodations for community space, at 8990 McLaughlin Road, Brampton.

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