

Date: 2023-03-10

Subject: **Preferred Site for William G. Davis Memorial Sculpture**

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Report Number: Community Services-2023-252

Recommendations:

1. That the report from Kelly Stahl, Senior Manager, Cultural Services Division to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 29, 2023, re: **Preferred Site for William G. Davis Memorial Sculpture**, be received;
2. That Council request approval from Peel Region to locate a memorial sculpture to William G. Davis on the front lawn of Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives property, located at 9 Wellington Street East, Brampton, ON, L6W 1Y1.

Overview:

- **On June 23, 2021, Council passed a motion (CW357-2021) to establish a Monument to Premier Bill Davis, including a financial commitment of \$100,000.**
- **On March 1st, 2022, the Province of Ontario announced a commitment of up to \$150,000 for the Monument. The Memorial artwork must be complete by March 31, 2024, to ensure the City receives the provincial funding.**
- **The preferred memorial site is on Peel Region property at 9 Wellington Street East, Brampton, ON, L6W 1Y1 (Peel Museum, Art Gallery and Archives) and requires Regional Council approval.**
- **Pending Regional approval, Cultural Services staff will work with the relevant Regional and City departments and stakeholders, including Ontario Heritage Trust, to complete the Memorial Project.**

Background:

Following a June 23, 2021, delegation to Brampton City Council by Mr. Peter Robertson, the following motion was passed:

CW357-2021

1. That \$100,000 be allocated by the City of Brampton, from an account to be determined by Finance, for the establishment of a Monument to Premier Bill Davis within Brampton;
2. That a local procurement process, in accordance with the Purchasing By-law and City policy, be commenced; and
3. That the additional sum of support required be sought from another order of government and/or various interested organizations.

Following direction from Council to establish a monument to Premier Bill Davis within Brampton, staff responsible for the planning and maintaining the City's Public Art program were identified as project leads. Staff led a series of stakeholder meetings to gather the background and information required to develop a project plan for the Memorial Project to be located at Gage Park in downtown Brampton.

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While the creation of a traditional bronze statue of Mr. William G. Davis was initially proposed, taking into consideration: the preference of the Davis family, best practices for monuments of the future, and the additional project funding from the Province, staff recommended revising the scope and timeline to develop a *contemporary sculpture* that reflects the life and legacy of William G. Davis.

Upon further consultation with the Davis Family, their preferred memorial site is the front lawn of the Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives, located at 9 Wellington Street East, Brampton, ON L6W 1Y1.

Current Situation:

The site must be confirmed and approved to initiate the next steps in this memorial project. City staff require Region of Peel Council approval for 9 Wellington Street East, Brampton, as the site for the memorial artwork.

Next Steps

Pending Regional approval, City staff will execute the Provincial funding agreement. Cultural Services staff will work with the relevant Regional and City departments and stakeholders, including Ontario Heritage Trust, to confirm project parameters and

determine the best-suited commission process. External public art consultants may be contracted to work alongside City staff.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report. Funding for the City's \$100,000 allocation towards the establishment of a Monument to Premier Bill Davis within Brampton is available in capital project #211055-001 – Monument to William Davis.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report supports the Term of Council Priority *Brampton is a Mosaic* by increasing opportunities for arts and culture engagement through the permanent public art collection in the City of Brampton.

Conclusion:

Pursuant to Council resolution CW357-2021, City staff has worked with stakeholders to identify a proposed location for the memorial artwork to William G. Davis, which requires Region of Peel Council consideration and approval.

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