



REPORT OF THE INTERIM MUSEUM CURATOR

OBJECTIVE

To appeal to the Recreation and Culture Standing Committee to recommend to Council the reconsideration of Res. 156/21 to add 1000 SF of space to the Nuclear and Mining Museum in upcoming designs of the new Arts and Culture Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the Interim Museum Curator dated May 13, 2021, be received;

AND THAT the Recreation and Culture Standing Committee recommend to Council the reconsideration of Res. 156/21, with an amendment to add 1000 SF of space to the Nuclear and Mining Museum in future iterations of the design for the new Arts and Culture Centre.

Respectfully Submitted

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Amelia D'Amato Interim Museum Curator

Approved

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Daila Hennessy

Darla Hennessey Manager of Recreation and Culture

Daniel Gagnon Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

At the April 26, 2021, Council meeting, the following resolution concerning the design options of the new Arts and Culture Centre was passed:

Res. 156/21

Moved by: S. Finamore

Seconded by: T. Turner

THAT Council approve design option 2A to proceed with further design and feasibility study.

AND THAT council direct staff and consultants to pursue net zero building options for the new facility.

Carried

This resolution approved of Design Option 2a as seen in Figure 1. In this design option, the Museum is designated 2,285 SF of exhibition space and 745 SF for storage, for a combined total space of 3,030 SF.

The first instance of this Design Option 2a being made available to the public was in the agenda for the April 26, 2021, Council meeting. This did not provide adequate time for the user groups and committees of Council to review the information and offer feedback before the design was approved by Council at the aforementioned meeting, which is why the Nuclear and Mining Museum Advisory Board urges them to reconsider the resolution.

ANALYSIS

It is the opinion of the Nuclear and Mining Museum Advisory Board that the space currently designated to the Museum in Design Option 2a is not appropriately sized to store the entirety of the its collection and provide suitable exhibition space. To mitigate this space issue, we would like to propose that 1000 SF of space be reallocated towards the museum in future designs of the new Arts and Culture Centre.

The space designated to the Museum for exhibition in the Lester B. Pearson Civic Centre was 3,787 SF, with the exact specification for storage unknown as this was spread throughout the building. While we are not intending to replicate the past museum in our new civic centre, we will still require the requisite room for permanent, circulating, and travelling exhibitions. We will also require the requisite storage space to provide room to house all of the City's artefacts and art collection properly in one secure area, providing also the space for further accessioning and condition reporting.

The advisory board and staff do not believe that the approved design of the new Arts and Culture Centre fulfill this need and urge for more space to be allocated to the new museum, of which they believe 1000 SF would be suitable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The impact of this recommendation on the Total Construction Cost of the new Arts and Culture Centre would be determined by the architect consultants.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This project aligns with the City's Strategic Plan through:

- Support the Arts and Culture Community
 - Strategic, vibrant, relevant museum for the future.

SUMMARY

This recommendation for 1000 SF to be added to the Nuclear and Mining Museum in the plans for the new Arts and Culture Centre will provide more adequate space for museum storage and exhibition to ensure the continued growth and relevance of our community's heritage into the future.

DESIGN OPTION 2a

Theatre without mezzanine seating Studios located at grade Centralized entry services

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