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Re: City of Oshawa Operating Grant to Ontario Philharmonic (OP)

Please note the following:

- The average municipal grant of the twelve Professional Orchestras in Ontario is an Operating Grant of \$97,552.92. This includes Kingston, Thunder Bay, etc. This does not include Toronto Symphony Orchestra.
- The average cost of a concert performance ranges from \$62,000.00 to \$90,000.00, depending on the size of the Orchestra and the depth of the performance.
- One of the factors that influences the Ontario Arts Council Grant is the support from the municipality.
- This year our Operating Budget will be \$463,539.00.
- Our Conductor is World Renowned.
- Our Orchestra consistently exceeds expectations.

There was a concern by a City Councillor regarding the name "Ontario Philharmonic". The Ontario Philharmonic is proud to call "Oshawa" its home. There are numerous examples of the name "Oshawa" being converted to "Lakeridge" or "Ontario".

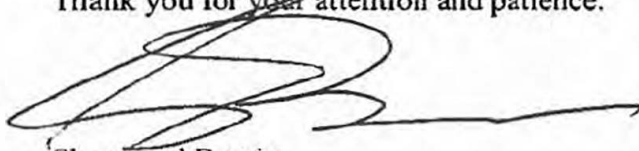
It must be noted that:

- Oshawa General Hospital was renamed Lakeridge Health, and its main site is in Oshawa
- The Oshawa Armory is home to the "Ontario Regiment" and its home is in Oshawa
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology was renamed "Ontario Tech University" and has its home in Oshawa

We would like to be in the position to better accommodate Senior Citizens. We would like to budget opportunities to visit schools in Oshawa. These are examples of how we serve Oshawa residents.

We are asking for an amount to sponsor one performance that can vary from \$62,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

Thank you for your attention and patience.



Sherwood Rassin