

Economic and Development Services Committee – May 6, 2024

Remuneration for Public Art Jury Members for the permanent public art installation at
the Downtown Urban Square (Ward 4) (File 03-05)

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, on October 2, 2023, Council approved that staff proceed with the process to install permanent public art at the Downtown Urban Square at the northeast corner of Bond Street East and Simcoe Street North (CNCL-23-95); and,

Whereas, the City of Oshawa Public Art Policy allows for City staff, in collaboration with the Public Art Task Force, to identify public art projects on a case by case basis that require a separate jury with specialized skills to provide expertise and recommendations relating to the acquisition of public artworks; and,

Whereas, the process outlined for the Downtown Urban Square project includes convening a specialized jury with responsibilities that include reviewing artist proposals and making selection recommendations; and,

Whereas, municipal comparator research conducted by staff has demonstrated that other municipalities are compensating public art jury members for their time and services; and,

Whereas, current examples of compensating members who provide expertise such as the members of the City of Oshawa's Committee of Adjustment who are compensated for their participation at a rate of \$125 per member per meeting attended; and,

Whereas, relevant and professional members will be identified to provide expertise on matters relating to the future acquisition and installation of the Downtown Urban Square public art work who will form the membership of the Downtown Urban Square Public Art Jury; and,

Whereas, the costs associated to the remuneration of jury members for the Downtown Urban Square Public Art Jury can be accommodated through the existing Economic Development Services operating budget;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the remuneration rate of \$125 per member per meeting for the Downtown Urban Square Public Art Jury be approved;
2. That the remuneration rate of \$125 per member per meeting for the Downtown Urban Square Public Art Jury be applied to meetings taking place in May 2024; and,

3. That the remuneration rate of \$125 per member per meeting for all future Public Art Juries be approved.