

Request for Council's Consideration	
<input type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)
<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor	
Date of Council Meeting: February 21, 2019	
Subject: Public Art Policy	
Motion for Council to Consider:	
That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report that includes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) A review and update of the Public Art Policy(2) A summary of funding that has been provided over the last 10 years for new projects and current projects that are underway(3) Specific amendments to the public art policy to remove the 25,000 square feet budget exemption for municipal buildings that are highly used by the public such as libraries, recreation centres, and transit terminals, with such amendments being(4) prepared by the end of the 2019/2020 fiscal year	
Reason:	
HRM's Public Art Policy was adopted in 2008 and the policy hasn't been reviewed or amended since its adoption. An examination of how well it's working and what changes should be considered based on HRM's 10 years of experience should be undertaken.	
With HRM planning for some significant infrastructure investments over the next 10 years, there is a need to reevaluate the Public Art Policy funding criteria. When constructing or renovating municipal facilities of over 25,000 square feet, the Public Art Policy currently requires HRM to set aside 1% of construction costs for the creation of public art. The exemption for buildings under 25,000 square feet should be reconsidered to instead reflect a facility's public visibility. Libraries, recreation centres, and transit terminals are often less than 25,000 square feet, but they are very visible spaces that provide good opportunities for showcasing art. HRM's Public Art Policy should be amended to consider those opportunities.	
Outcome Sought:	
Staff recommendation report	
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