



COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT REPORTING

Appointment:	Edmonton Arts Council
Classification:	External Agency - Management
Councillor(s):	Councillor Ashley Salvador Councillor Karen Principe
Reporting Period:	November 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023

Mandate

The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. It works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture through activities that:

- Invest in Edmonton festivals, arts organizations and individual artists through municipal, corporate and private funding
- Represent Edmonton's arts community to government and other agencies and provide expert advice on issues that affect the arts
- Building partnerships and initiate projects that strengthen the community
- Create awareness of the quality, variety and value of artistic work produced in Edmonton

Background & Shared Priorities

EAC continues to work collaboratively with the City of Edmonton and the Arts Community to implement Connections and Exchanges: A 10-Year Plan To Transform Arts and Heritage In Edmonton.

Report on activities, projects, and outcomes

Work continues on the implementation of Connections & Exchanges: A 10-Year Plan To Transform Arts and Heritage In Edmonton.

Grant Funding

The Edmonton Arts Council manages City of Edmonton grants funding for arts and festival activities, including grants to individual artists to support project-specific expenses, and to arts and festival organizations to support operations.

For Winter 2023 Individuals and Collectives grants, 130 grants were recommended for a total investment of \$1,696,542. For 2023 Annual Programming, Annual Operating and Multi-Year Operating programs, 165 grants were recommended for a total investment of \$3,916,125, with \$5,989,150 in total installment payments in 2023 of multi-year operating investments.

EAC recently celebrated the Edmonton Arts Prizes where artists were recognized for their excellence in music, visual art, film, and literature. Each of the twelve nominated artists received a prize, with \$15,000 going to the primary prize recipient in each category, and two secondary prizes of \$5,000 awarded to the runners up. In total, \$100,000 was awarded to the artists.

Events & Projects

EAC staff at TIX on the Square helped organize a sale and exhibition of works from McNally's grade 11 and 12 art and ceramics classes as part of the Emerging Artists Showcase. Approximately 300 visitors viewed the two-week show, including over 120 friends, family and community members who came to celebrate at the closing event on April 15.

The EAC worked with local production company Old Saw and current Poet Laureate Titilope Sonuga to create a video for her poem "You are Welcome Here."

Work continues with the EAC and TIX on the Square rebrand and website project.

The JUNOs were held at Rogers Place in Edmonton on March 13th. EAC supported this exciting event, and throughout the month leading up to the event, EAC collaborated to support the Road to the Junos events across Edmonton.

Upcoming events and milestones

EAC will be presenting their annual Connections and Exchanges Update to Community and Public Services Committee on May 31, 2023. The EAC Annual General Meeting will be held on June 5, 2023.

Evaluation

It is recommended that the City of Edmonton continue to work with the Edmonton Arts Council to advance municipal priorities and areas of shared interest including the implementation of the City Plan, and Connections and Exchanges.