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## **2008 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE**

### **Franklin Carmichael Art Centre Expansion**

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#### **Issue/Background:**

- At its meeting held on November 14, 2007, Budget Committee requested:  
  
“a Briefing Note to the Budget Committee wrap up meeting on amending the Franklin Carmichael Art Centre Expansion project to move \$100,000 gross and debt in design funding from 2012 to 2009 and on a request for the volunteer Board of Directors to produce a fundraising plan in 2008.”

#### **Key Points:**

- The Franklin Carmichael Art Centre is located at 34 Riverdale Drive in Etobicoke at the former estate of the artist who was a contemporary of the Group of Seven;
- The Centre is City-owned and is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors who offer courses in watercolour, oils, acrylics and life drawing;
- The City and the Board have been studying a possible expansion to the building to make it more useable as an art centre;
- The Culture capital budget included \$75,000 in 2006 to complete concept plans;
- The estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 million gross and \$1 million debt to include \$500,000 in fundraising which is included in the 2013 to 2017 capital forecast;
- The Recommended EDCT Capital Plan included \$100,000 in design funding for the project in 2012;
- Culture supports amending the Capital Plan to move the \$100,000 for design funding to 2009 to maintain momentum on the project. The amendment can be accommodated by moving \$100,000 gross and debt from the Guild Revitalization project from 2009 to 2012;
- This change will allow the Board of Directors to develop their fundraising plan in 2008;
- Depending on the success of fundraising for the project, the capital forecast for the timing of construction (2013-2017) will be reviewed and amended as appropriate.

**Questions & Answers:**

- Will the change in funding have a negative impact on the Guild Revitalization project?
  - No. The plans for the Guild Revitalization project are still being developed with a report to Council expected in 2008.

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