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TO/DEST.                 Chair and Members of the Arts Committee

FROM/EXP.                Manager, Arts Program

SUBJECT/OBJET          **DIRECT PURCHASE PROGRAM 1999**

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**DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Arts Committee appoint an Arts Committee member to the selection jury for the 1999 Direct Purchases Program.**

**BACKGROUND**

Since 1992 the Arts Committee has held an open selection process to acquire art works for the Regional Rotating Collection. The collection presently has a total of approximately 375 art works located in Regional buildings throughout the Region. The Direct Purchases is subject to the Art in Public Spaces Policy.

The process is consistent with previous programs and basically involves a public call for entries; short listing by a jury; studio visits to determine art works to be considered and the final selection decisions made by a jury.

**JURY MEMBERS**

The short listing jury is made up of an Arts Committee representative, two professional artists, the art advisor and a staff representative.

For the final jury selection meeting the same jury is in place with the exception that the Art Advisor is replaced by a professional artist.

**FINANCIAL**

Funds in the amount of \$58,000 are included in the 1999 Regional Clerk's Capital Budget which is scheduled for approval by Regional Council on February 24, 1999. An amount of 1% of the total budget, \$580 will be allocated to maintenance.

*Approved by G. Houle*

Georgette Houle