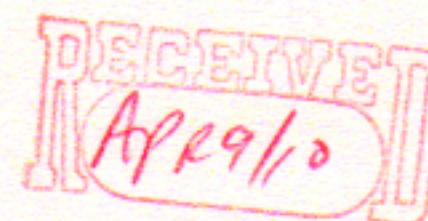




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April 8, 2010

Mr. Douglas Desmond, B.A., LL.B.
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Dear Mr. Desmond:

Thank you for your letter dated February 11, 2010 regarding the Fifth Annual Desmond Juried Art Exhibition taking place between June 13 and 24, 2010 at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus.

It is my understanding that you also forwarded a letter to Elinor Mifflin, Clerk of the Municipality, under the same date.

For your information, your letter was included in the Council Information package for the March 1, 2010 council meeting. At that time, Councillor Gilbert made the following motion with respect to your letter (Item #2(f))

“That Item #2(f) be referred to the Community Strategic Planning Committee to develop a corporate art acquisition policy.”

The motion was carried and your letter has been referred to the Community and Strategic Planning Committee for review at a future meeting. The Coordinator of Community and Strategic Planning, Ms. Deborah Furlan, will be in contact with you as to the outcome of the meeting. Ms. Furlan can be reached at 519.360.1998, ext 3052 should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Randy R. Hope, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

c Rob Browning, CAO
Deb Furlan, Coordinator, Community and Strategic Planning