Committee to advise city on arts policy

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Art lives in North York.

And to make sure it gets proper treatment, North York council has decided to establish a public art advisory committee.

The committee will "promote the development of public art which will enhance the quality of life in the city of North York."

It will make recommendations to council and municipal staff on art selection and placement on public and private property as well as advising on funding and maintenance of acquisitions.

One of the committee's first tasks will be to develop an overall public art policy for the city.

The city has drawn from a wide range of disciplines to come up with the six founding members for the art committee. They are:

Flavio Belli, director of the Jo-

seph D. Carrier Gallery in the Cohumbus Centre.

- ☐ Stephen Cruise, well-known professional artist whose work hangs in galleries across the country.
- Julian Jacobs, architect who specializes in interior design, urban design and research.
- ☐ Mary Lynn Rimer, campus master planner at York University and former City of Toronto planner.
- ☐ Sheila Loftus, private art collector and active community volunteer in the arts.
- ☐ Virginia Solomon, development co-ordinator for Ronto Development Corp., a major developer in North York's downtown area.

Councillor Maria Rizzo has been named the city's representative on the new committee.