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To the Director of Cultural Services and the City of Kingston,

2017 was another year of steady activity at the Tett, with continued growth in community participation in the arts, and we, the volunteer Board of Directors of the charitable Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning, are very pleased to submit the following report on our 3rd year of operation. We continue our commitment to the Department of Cultural Services to operate the building in a professional and financially sustainable manner, to facilitate quality artistic and creative experiences, and to offer a broad range of community-based arts programming.

By our estimates, the total number of visitors to the Tett grew to nearly 115,000 up about 10% on the previous year, and we are delighted that the arts-focused fraction of our rentals also increased. As we noted last year, the Kingston community is becoming ever more aware of all that the Tett has to offer! We remain particularly proud of our seasonal building-wide arts events, the continuing success of the beautiful waterfront Juniper Café, the development of summer tours in partnership with the Isabel Bader Centre, the popularity of our “in-house” arts programs such as Kids Creativity Club, and our participation in new programming initiatives such as Great Art for Great Lakes. The KABOOM! Arts After School program, offered in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club, highlighted the year. And all this was accomplished while still generating an operating surplus and growing the capital reserve!

In 2017, we officially adopted and began implementing a revised Strategic Plan, which was developed the previous year with input from many stakeholder sources. In 2018, we will renew our commitment with a fresh Action Plan that will integrate the operational experience we have gained since opening.

The report contained herein outlines the diverse activities, attendance and engagement, financial stability, stakeholder evaluations, and community impacts of our third year of full operation, as described within our obligations under our Master Lease. It must be emphasized that the significant achievements of 2017 would not have been possible but for the hard work of our dedicated Tett staff, under the continuing leadership of Nadine Baker, our tremendous TCCL Facility Manager.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Kerr

Interim TCCL Chair, on behalf of the TCCL Board of Directors