



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC)

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: February 1, 2018

Subject: Report PACAC18-009
2020 Ontario Heritage Conference

Purpose

A report to recommend that the PACAC support an application to host the 2020 Community Heritage Conference and request that budget support be allocated by the Corporation.

Recommendations

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC18-009, dated February 1, 2018 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the PACAC support an application to host the 2020 Community Heritage Conference, and;
- b) That staff be requested seek a capital allocation to support the conference in the 2019-2020 budget process.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

The Ontario Heritage Conference is an annual event held in communities across Ontario which showcases issues in municipal heritage and is run under the umbrella of Community Heritage Ontario (CHO). Held over three days in May or June of each year, the conference attracts between 200 and 250 delegates from across the province to discuss heritage matters. As the conference rotates among member communities, CHO has put out a request for proposals to host the 2020 conference.

Peterborough previously hosted the Ontario Heritage Conference in 1992, 2001 and 2009. The 2009 conference was organized and implemented by a local area committee, including members of the PACAC and other local individuals interested in heritage, and supported by City staff. On the theme of “Heritage in Creative Communities”, the conference attracted nearly 300 delegates and was funded through a combination of registration fees, sponsorship and funds provided for the conference by CHO, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals.

At the direction of the committee at its meeting of January 4, 2018, staff explored the requirements for submitting a proposal to CHO. The deadline for proposals was found to be the 15th of January. In order to be considered, staff drafted a preliminary, generalized proposal with the theme of Preservation of Intangible Heritage, a topic recently explored by the Ontario Heritage Trust in a provincial workshop attended by several city staff. The theme dovetails well with the commitment of municipalities to pursue the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada which includes integrating Indigenous history, heritage values, and memory practices into Canada’s national heritage and history. The possibility of a partnership with local First Nations in the development of the conference program will be explored.

Hosting a conference of this type allows Peterborough to highlight the important heritage work undertaken in the city. It also has a specific economic impact through conference spending on items including promotional material, venues, and catering and individual delegate spending on accommodation, meals, and other purchases.

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Appendix A – Conference Proposal