



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 PACAC18-008
Federal Recommendations on Heritage Preservation

Purpose

A report to recommend that the PACAC endorse a letter in support of the federal House of Commons Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development's recommendations regarding the preservation of Canada's heritage and make provision for this recommendation to be forwarded to Council.

Recommendations

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC18-008, dated February 1, 2018 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the PACAC endorse a letter in support of the federal House of Commons Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development's recommendations regarding the preservation of Canada's heritage;
- b) That staff be requested to forward this endorsement to Council for its consideration.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

In December 2017, the federal government's Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development issued a report entitled *Preserving Canada's Heritage: The Foundation for Tomorrow* which outlined current issues facing Canadian historic places and made recommendations towards stronger action on the part of the federal government for regulatory and financial support for heritage sites and their preservation. The report is appended to this report as Appendix B. These recommendations, if implemented, have the potential to result in specific protections for designated buildings, as well as incentives on a federal level to help preserve them, including programs to stimulate investment in historic structures.

Federal and provincial heritage organizations, including Community Heritage Ontario, are encouraging municipalities to voice their support for the Committee's recommendations by sending a letter to the federal government and their local MPs as part of a wider, coordinated effort to bring attention to the importance of legislation that supports the heritage sector. Statements of support would signal to the federal government municipal support for heritage initiatives, particularly with regard to the implementation of financial incentives as part of a broader federal role in heritage preservation.

A draft letter for submission to the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Finance and local MP, Maryam Monsef, is included as Appendix A.

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Draft Letter Supporting the Recommendations of the Standing Committee
Appendix B: Preserving Canada's Heritage