



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee**

From: **Susan Neale, Museum Director**

Meeting Date: **October 8, 2015**

Subject: **Report MAAC15-011**
“In the Spotlight”: “Scare-itage: Dare You to Look” Exhibition

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that the Curator, Peterborough Museum & Archives, will make a presentation regarding the temporary exhibition: “Scare-itage: Dare You to Look!”.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC15-011 dated October 8, 2015, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the presentation by the Curator, Peterborough Museum & Archives, be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Annually, the PMA hosts four (or more) temporary exhibitions in the Heideman Gallery. The temporary exhibition schedule is developed two to three years in advance and is a key component of PMA programming.

Scare-itage – Dare You to Look! opens September 27, closing December 13, 2015. The following is the promotional description:

“**Scare-itage** peers into the deep recesses of the PMA’s collection to uncover some truly hair-raising artifacts. Explore customs and practices once common but now, out of their historical context, send shivers up our spines. See how the spectre of war frightened civilians; learn about past customs surrounding death; and shudder to imagine the impact of some horrifying medical devices.

In the spirit of the Hallowe’en season, **Scare-itage** is intended to make viewers feel thrillingly unsettled. However, this tastefully executed exhibition is intended for all audiences.”

Scare-itage was conceived, developed and installed in-house, by the Curator and features artifacts and archival material from the PMA’s collections.

Summary

The Peterborough Museum & Archives will be presenting “**Scare-itage: Dare You to Look!**”, September 27 to December 13, 2015.

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