



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: March 10, 2016

Subject: Report MAAC16-004
"In the Spotlight": Doors Open Peterborough 2016

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that the Heritage Researcher, City of Peterborough, will make a presentation regarding Doors Open Peterborough 2016.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC16-004, dated March 10, 2016, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the presentation by the Heritage Researcher, City of Peterborough, be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The following is an excerpt from the Doors Open website:

<http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/The-Story-behind-Doors-Open-Ontario.aspx>

“The first Doors Open Day (La Journée Portes Ouvertes) took place in France in 1984. The idea soon spread to neighbouring countries, including the Netherlands, Sweden, the Republic of Ireland, Belgium and Scotland. In 1991, these events were united as European Heritage Days at the initiative of the Council of Europe. In 2003, all 48 signatory states of the European Cultural Convention participated in European Heritage Days.

In 2000, the City of Toronto launched the first Doors Open event in North America. In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province wide event of its kind in Canada. The Doors Open concept continues to spread across North America with events now being held in Newfoundland, Alberta, Massachusetts, Western New York State, New York City and Denver.

Every year, Doors Open Ontario attracts large crowds across Ontario. From April to October, residents and visitors are invited to discover first-hand Ontario’s hidden heritage treasures, some of which have never been open to the public.

Since the program was launched in 2002, over six million visits have been made to heritage sites participating in this exciting initiative. Doors Open Ontario, now considered a cultural phenomenon, will continue in 2016 with hundreds of communities participating across the province.

The 2016 Doors Open Ontario season marks the 15th anniversary of the program!”

The city of Peterborough has participated in Doors Open since its inception, and the Peterborough Museum & Archives has been a regular partner. For details on Peterborough Doors Open 2016, refer to Appendix A.

Summary

The Peterborough Museum & Archives will be a feature site in Doors Open Peterborough 2016.

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Appendix A Doors Open Peterborough 2016