



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: October 12, 2017

Subject: Report MAAC17-012
Sustainable Peterborough

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that the Director of Community Services will make a presentation regarding Sustainable Peterborough.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC17-012, dated October 12, 2017, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the presentation on Sustainable Peterborough be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Sustainability is a widely used term that has different meaning for all communities. For Sustainable Peterborough, the commonly used definition is that of sustainable development, coined in the 'Our Common Future' report stemming from the United Nations-convened World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987:

"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

The Sustainable Peterborough website provides a comprehensive history of sustainability in the Greater Peterborough Area as well as a live summary of current initiatives: <https://sustainablepeterborough.ca>

Greater Peterborough Area Community Sustainability Plan

The Sustainable Peterborough Plan is described on the website as follows:

"The Sustainable Peterborough Plan was developed over the period of September 2010 – April 2012. It is the guide to our path to a Sustainable Peterborough. Each component of the plan has been defined by our community. Each component is explained below:

Vision—This is the overall vision for community sustainability in 25 years from now. All actions taken in the future should move the Greater Peterborough Area closer to its *Vision*.

Principles—*Principles* provide our community and the Sustainable Peterborough team with guidance in developing our *Themes*, *Goals*, *Strategic Directions*, and *Priority Actions*, as well as guidance in future decision-making.

Themes—A *Theme* is a specific focus area of Sustainable Peterborough that has emerged as an area of importance to our community and supports achievement of the overall *Vision*, such as energy, climate change, water, or economic development and employment. Each *Theme* overlaps considerably with each one of the three pillars. For example, developing a sustainable building would touch on energy, water, waste, transportation and land use planning.

Goals—Describes what each *Theme* looks like if our *Vision* is achieved.

The *Goal* statement describes what success looks like in a sustainable future for this *Theme*, aligned with the *Vision* and ultimately the *Principles*. It generally takes the form of a statement of the highest aspirations and purpose for the community system combined with a number of long-term *Strategic Directions* that provide further detail.

Strategic Directions—Are high level objectives that are intended to provide strategic guidance on moving from the Current Condition to the Goal developed for each *Theme*.

Priority Actions-Certain actions have been identified as *Priority Actions* which, through consultation, have continuously been cited as projects or initiatives that should be the immediate focus for Sustainable Peterborough.”

Sustainable Peterborough Report Card

The annual Sustainable Peterborough Report Card celebrates Peterborough’s collective accomplishments, presents community partners and introduces the future work plan:
<https://sustainablepeterborough.ca/projects/sp-report-card>

For example, in 2016, the Peterborough Museum & Archives is noted in Cultural Assets (page 3) and Energy (page 4) for accomplishments in sustainability (Appendix A).

Summary

The Sustainable Peterborough Plan is the culmination of 18 months of collaboration, engagement and hard work, marking the shift from planning to doing. The Plan serves as the guide on the path to a Sustainable Peterborough.

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Appendix A – Sustainable Peterborough 2016 Report Card