

TO: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

FROM: Susan Neale, Museum Director

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Report MAAC10-002

Peterborough Museum & Archives: "In the Spotlight"

PURPOSE

A report to advise the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee that the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) will make a presentation at the January 14, 2010, Museum & Archives Advisory Committee meeting regarding the redevelopment of the permanent exhibition galleries, "In the Spotlight".

RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC09-002 dated November 12, 2009, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the presentation by the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

BACKGROUND

The permanent exhibition galleries were initially developed and installed in 1990/1. The PMA completed the Expansion Feasibility Study (2004), the Functional Program (2005) and the Design Development Report (2008) that planned for the redevelopment of the permanent exhibitions in an expanded and renovated facility. However, since the PMA renewal project is not currently on the City's capital forecast, exhibition components are being refreshed and updated by Museum staff, Museum contract staff and Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship faculty and students.

The re-development of the permanent exhibition galleries is in direct response to public feedback. In the survey conducted for the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) Expansion Feasibility Study, 55.1% of visitors recommended improvements to the exhibitions, including (but not limited to) larger print, more inter-actives and better lighting.

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