



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC)

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: April 5, 2018

**Subject: Report PACAC18-017
Official Plan Review Input**

Purpose

A report to recommend that the PACAC collectively develop a set of overarching principles for heritage conservation in the core area.

Recommendations

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC18-017, dated April 5, 2018 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the committee undertake a process to develop a series of overarching principles for heritage conservation in the core area of the city for incorporation into the scope of work of the four-day charrette proposed as part of the official plan review process, and
- b) that the committee retains the expertise of a recognized heritage professional to engage in the planning process and delivery of the official plan review charrette as it pertains specifically to heritage, and
- c) that the committee reallocate \$2,000 of the funds currently approved for the Martha Kidd commemoration for the purpose of hiring the heritage professional, and
- d) that the chair of the committee corresponds with the city's Director of Planning and Development Services to request that all members of PACAC be invited to take part in the planning charrette, and

- e) that the outcome of the planning session the overarching principles developed for heritage conservation in the core area be forwarded to Council for endorsement as the heritage committee's official position on supporting heritage conservation in the core area.

Budget and Financial Implications

The committee has made commitment of \$9,871 to the digital heritage tours project as a commemoration of the work of Martha Kidd. This amount was based on the need to hire a firm to produce the digital app and website for the tours. The City's Geomatics Division has indicated that it is equipped to undertake that portion of the project, leaving a surplus in the committed amount. Staff is recommending the use of up to \$2,000 of the heritage tours project to meet the requirements of the proposed recommendations. The remaining \$7,871 will be adequate to cover the costs of the heritage tours project.

Background

The City of Peterborough is currently undertaking a review and update of its Official Plan (OP) which will steer the community's growth for the next several decades. The Plan outlines the policies that will guide the on-going development of the City and will align the City with current legislation. In particular, the new Plan will respond to the new density and intensification targets outlined by the Province under the Places to Grow Act.

The Places to Grow Act identifies Urban Growth Centres within communities which are subject to specific intensification targets, defined as an increase in residents and jobs per hectare. While the city as a whole is expected to meet intensification and growth targets in the coming decades, these targets are higher for the identified Urban Growth Centre. In Peterborough, the Urban Growth Centre encompasses a significant portion of the city's historic downtown. This core area currently contains about 117 residents and jobs per hectare and it is expected that the city will meet a target of 150 residents and jobs per hectare by 2041. This area of the city contains a significant number of heritage buildings, both designated and with the potential for designation, and is of particular interest to the PACAC because of the expectation that there will be increased densification which will have an impact on its heritage attributes.

In June 2018, the City will be facilitating a four-day urban design charrette to assist in the development of Architectural and Urban Design Guidelines for the downtown in order to guide intensification in an appropriate manner. This charrette is to be led by a consulting team consisting of The Planning Partnership and Lett Architects and will be a structured event with the objective of having 100 participants per day. Due to the high concentration of historic resources in the downtown, it is expected that one day of the charrette will be allocated to discussing heritage issues.

Since the beginning of the OP review process in 2012, the PACAC has undertaken 2 exercises to identify and develop overarching guidelines on heritage preservation to be included in the OP. The first exercise was undertaken in 2012 by an ad-hoc committee of the PACAC to research and provide recommendations on appropriate heritage content for the OP. This content was developed into a comprehensive brief approved by the PACAC and provided the Planning Division (Appendix A). PACAC undertook a second exercise in 2016 to review the draft amendments to the OP as they related to heritage preservation and provided comment to the Planning Division (Appendix B).

It is recommended that the PACAC review the outcomes of its previous exercises to develop updated guidelines on heritage preservation for inclusion in the OP. These guidelines will clarify the PACAC's position with regard to the OP review and will be available for integration into any forthcoming Architectural and Design Guidelines in areas, including the downtown, with significant heritage resources.

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Attachments

Appendix A: PACAC Official Plan Review Comments (2012)
Appendix B: PACAC Official Plan Submission (2016)