



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

FROM: Susan Neale, Museum Director

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2011

**SUBJECT: Report MAAC11-007
Peterborough Museum & Archives: Canada Cultural Spaces
Fund Letter of Intent and Application**

PURPOSE

A report to recommend a motion to support an application by the Peterborough Museum & Archives to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (formerly Cultural Spaces Canada), Department of Canadian Heritage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC11-007 dated May 12, 2011, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That MAAC support an application by the Peterborough Museum & Archives under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, a Department of Canadian Heritage funding program, and that a Letter of Intent be submitted to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the Archives Upgrade Project.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In June 2009, the Department of Canadian Heritage announced that the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) will be kept at its current level for fiscal years 2011-2012 to 2014-2015. The CCSF program mandate and objectives remain the same, including a temporary increase in funding levels of support that can reach up to 50% of total

eligible costs. An application to the CCSF program is an opportunity to leverage the Peterborough Museum & Archives' 2012 capital budget for matching funds.

The CCSF application does not commit the City to an increased capital budget for the Archives Upgrade Project, but does provide the opportunity to increase the scope of the planned 2012 project, if the application is successful.

The Archives Upgrade Project is subject to Council approval through the 2012 budgetary process.

BACKGROUND

The archival collections of the Peterborough Museum & Archives include designated national cultural property, a nationally significant photographic collection and original records of the city and region, including the 1825 ships' lists of the Peter Robinson settlers.

The current Archives room (790 square feet) serves many functions – primary archival storage, the public research and reading room, as well as volunteer and staff workspace. The Archives supports an average of 4 visiting researchers per day, each of whom stays for a minimum of 2 hours per visit.

The Peterborough Museum & Archives recently acquired, through 9 years of negotiation, the archival collection of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. This acquisition is highly significant to the community, but has strained an already taxed physical plant.

In order to ensure the continued standard of archival storage, provide appropriate public access, as well as safe volunteer work space, the Archives requires a facility upgrade including: (1) modular shelving and compact storage; (2) fixtures, fittings and lighting.

Archives Upgrade Project, Stage 1: Council approved a 2011 capital investment of \$15,000 to develop the Archives Upgrade Project space needs plan and to explore external funding applications (2011 Budget Reference # 6-3.01).

Archives Upgrade Project, Stage 2: In order to implement the Archives Upgrade Project plan, staff are recommending a 2012 City capital investment of \$95,000 (2011 Budget Reference # 6-3.01).

Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) Program Application CCSF supports the improvement, renovation and construction of arts and heritage facilities, and the acquisition of specialized equipment. Guidelines for the CCSF funding program are available on the Department of Canadian Heritage website: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng>

CCSF requires a Letter of Intent in order to assess the level of interest across Canada in its funding program. A full report will be submitted to Council, seeking support for a resolution to apply for CCSF funding.

In 2009/10, the Peterborough Museum & Archives received \$100,000 from Cultural Spaces Canada (now CCSF) for its Public Spaces Renovations (Appendix A).

SUMMARY

The Archives Upgrade Project is ideal for the federal Canada Cultural Spaces Fund program. The high standard of service delivery, access and presentation expected of the Peterborough Museum & Archives will be facilitated through this renovation project.

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Appendix A Media Release: Government of Canada Supports the City of Peterborough

Appendix A

Government of Canada Supports the City of Peterborough

PETERBOROUGH, Ontario, November 13, 2009 - On behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Dean Del Mastro, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and Member of Parliament (Peterborough), today announced funding for the City of Peterborough.

Support for the City of Peterborough will permit a renovation of the Peterborough Museum & Archives, home to the community's historical collection. Experience of the city's rich cultural trove will be improved by updates to the museum's space, public safety features, and access for people with disabilities. First established in 1897, the Peterborough Museum & Archives preserves and promotes local heritage.

Funding will also allow the Peterborough Museum & Archives to host a travelling exhibit from the Canadian Museum of Civilization. "Places of Power, Objects of Veneration in the Canadian Arctic" showcases photography of the Arctic landscape, its sacred sites, and inuksuit. The accompanying educational display "The Tunit: A Palaeo-Eskimo People" offers a hands-on, historical account of the Palaeo-Eskimo people who inhabited the Arctic landscape.

"The Peterborough Museum & Archives traces the city's history, educating visitors about our past while promoting our future through tourism," said Minister Moore. "Our Government is proud to support the community's museum and cultural ambassador."

"I am thrilled by our Government's support of such an important part of the City of Peterborough," said Mr. Del Mastro. "Our community is well-served by the Museum & Archives and their ability to share our collective stories and celebrate our history."

"The Peterborough Museum & Archives is a multi-faceted cultural institution and a leader in archival conservation," said Susan Neale, Director, Peterborough Museum & Archives. "Through the renovation, the museum will be able to increase its capacity to display collections while encouraging learning. Through its temporary exhibition program, the museum literally brings the world--in this case, the Arctic--to Peterborough."

The Government of Canada has provided \$100,000 through the [Canada Cultural Spaces Fund](#) (CCSF), formerly known as Cultural Spaces Canada and \$7,170 through the [Museums Assistance Program](#) of the Department of Canadian Heritage. The CCFS program of the Department of Canadian Heritage seeks to improve physical conditions for artistic creativity and arts presentation or exhibition. It is also designed to increase access for Canadians to performing, visual, and media arts, as well as museum collections and heritage displays.

The Museums Assistance Program provides funding to Canadian museums and related institutions for projects that foster excellence in museum activities and that facilitate access to the treasures of our collective heritage.

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