



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

FROM: Susan Neale, Museum Director

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Report MAAC12-004
Peterborough Museum & Archives: Canada Cultural Spaces
Fund Update

PURPOSE

A report to update Committee on the application by the Peterborough Museum & Archives to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF), Department of Canadian Heritage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC12-004 dated January 12, 2012, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the Museum Director's report regarding the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund application be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) is an opportunity to leverage Peterborough Museum & Archives' resources for additional funds in support of the Lower Level Upgrades (Archives) project.

The Lower Level Upgrades project and application to the CCSF is subject to Council approval.

BACKGROUND

Over-crowding in museum and archives collection storage spaces can be addressed in a few ways, including: (1) a full facility expansion program; (2) an expansion to address storage only; or (3) the acquisition or lease of off-site space. The latter was recommended in the Expansion Feasibility Study should a Peterborough Museum & Archives facility expansion program not be viable (Appendix A).

Through the Lower Level Upgrades project, staff will target collection storage options that make more efficient use of the existing space on the lower level, address the storage needs identified in the facility expansion project and alleviate the health and safety concerns associated with existing congestion (Appendix B).

A report will be going forward to Council recommending an application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund in support of the Lower Level Upgrades project.

In 2009/10, the Peterborough Museum & Archives received \$100,000 from CCSF for its Public Spaces Renovations. The improvements have had a major impact on the Peterborough Museum & Archives' credibility and community image, as reflected in attendance and revenue.

SUMMARY

The Lower Level Upgrades (Archives) project is ideal for the federal Canada Cultural Spaces Fund program. The high standard of service delivery, access and safety expected of the Peterborough Museum & Archives will be facilitated through this renovation project.

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Attachments:

Appendix A - Expansion Feasibility Study (2004), 6.1, Recommendations

Appendix B - 2012-2021 Capital Budget Justification 6-3.01