



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

FROM: Susan Neale, Museum Director

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Report MAAC12-011
Peterborough Museum & Archives: Museums Assistance
Program Application

PURPOSE

A report to recommend a motion to support an application by the Peterborough Museum & Archives to the Museums Assistance Program, Department of Canadian Heritage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC12-011 dated June 14, 2012, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That MAAC support an application by the Peterborough Museum & Archives under the Museums Assistance Program, a Department of Canadian Heritage funding program.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An application to the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) is an opportunity to leverage the Peterborough Museum & Archives' (PMA) 2012 Lower Level Upgrades capital budget for external funds. The MAP application does not commit the City to an increased capital budget for the Lower Level Upgrades project.

BACKGROUND

The PMA's Lower Level Upgrades project includes relocating a percentage of the PMA's collection to a space that meets current artifact and archival standards.

The Museums Assistance Program (MAP) supports heritage institutions and workers in the preservation and presentation of heritage collections. Specifically, the Collections Management component of MAP provides financial assistance to Canadian museums for the planning, purchase, and incorporation of necessary storage and shelving equipment, and minor capital improvements to storage spaces in order to meet professional standards and ensure the management and integrity of collections. <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng>

Since 2001, the PMA has received a total of \$274,662 from MAP, in support of the annual temporary exhibition program as well as for special initiatives such as the "Flood Recovery Project", the "Textile Re-housing Project" and "Travelling Exhibition Development: Vaudeville in Canada".

SUMMARY

The collection relocation component of the Lower Level Upgrades project is ideal for the federal Museums Assistance Program. The high standard of collection care, service delivery, access and presentation expected of the Peterborough Museum & Archives will be facilitated through this project.

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