



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

FROM: Susan Neale, Museum Director

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Report MAAC13-011
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 MAAC13-011 dated September 26, 2013, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That MAAC support an application by the Peterborough Museum & Archives to 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 (Museum) 2012 Storage Facility capital budget for external funds. The MAP application does not commit the City to an increased capital budget for the Storage Facility.

BACKGROUND

The construction of the Museum's Storage Facility enables the relocation of the Museum's artifact collection to a space that meets current preservation standards. The access to and long term preservation of the Museum's water craft (for example, the Peterborough Canoe Company canoes) and rolled textiles (for example, Brinton carpets) would benefit further from specialized shelving.

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. www.pch.gc.ca/eng

Since 2001, the Museum has received a total of \$339,562 from MAP, in support of annual temporary exhibitions program as well as for special initiatives such as the "Textile Re-housing Project", the "Flood Recovery Project" and most recently, the "Collection Relocation Project".

SUMMARY

The acquisition and installation of specialized shelving in the Museum's new Storage Facility is an ideal project 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 initiative.

Submitted by,

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