



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: April 9, 2015

Subject: Report MAAC15-004
“In the Spotlight”: Museum Management and Curatorship
Program 2014-15 Exhibition

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that a representative from the Museum Management and Curatorship program, Fleming College, will make a presentation regarding the temporary exhibition: “A Common Thread – Our Clothing, Our Stories”.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC15-004 dated April 9, 2015, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the presentation by the representative from Fleming College be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

The Peterborough Museum & Archives 2015 Operating Budget included \$1200.00 for the Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship program exhibition project.

Background

The Museum Management and Curatorship program at Fleming College is unique in Canada and is one of the few available to students interested in careers in the arts,

heritage and cultural sectors. Admission requirements include a university degree or an Ontario College diploma in a related field or equivalent.

The Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) is the main learning partner of the Museum Management and Curatorship program. Immersed in museum work, students experience the complexity and diversity of tasks/duties in a medium-sized institution. Applied projects include curatorial research, care of collections, collections management, program development and more.

The Museum Management and Curatorship student exhibition project (2014-15), “A Common Thread – Our Clothing, Our Stories”, will be on display in the Heideman Gallery from April 4 to July 5, 2015.

The students of the Museum Management and Curatorship program provided the following description:

“A Common Thread – Our Clothing, Our Stories tells the story of the people of Peterborough through their clothing, and features costume artifacts ranging from the early settlement period to the present day. This exhibition offers something for everyone, as items include (but are not limited to) children’s clothing, a three-piece men’s suit, a flapper dress, a hand-dyed gown, a ski suit, and even a bikini!

The exhibit is meant to encourage people to think about their clothing in a different way by exploring what clothing has meant to people in the past, and therefore question what their clothing means in the present. Concepts such as Clothing and Identity, Clothing and Society, Clothing and Technology, Clothing and Lifestyle and Clothing and Memory will give visitors the chance to learn about different styles of clothing, and discover the many factors that influenced clothing choices right here in Peterborough!”

The celebratory Opening event for “A Common Thread – Our Clothing, Our Stories”, will take place on Thursday, April 23 (time to be confirmed).

Summary

The Peterborough Museum & Archives and Fleming College have been learning partners for over 20 years. Graduates of the Museum Management and Curatorship program are employed at historic sites, parks, zoos, monuments, museums, galleries and educational institutions around the globe.

In 2011, the Corporation of the City of Peterborough received the Ontario Museum Association Award for Excellence for Corporate Service in recognition of the outstanding contribution to the Ontario museum community by the Peterborough Museum & Archives for its partnership with the Arts and Heritage programs of Fleming College.

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