



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation  
Advisory Committee (PACAC)

**From:** Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2016

**Subject:** Report PACAC16-026  
Peterborough hiSTORIES Project Update

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend that the PACAC receive an update on the Peterborough hiSTORIES project.

## **Recommendation**

That the PACAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PACAC16-026, dated September 1, 2016 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the update on the Peterborough hiSTORIES project be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

At its meeting of June 2, 2016, the PACAC approved an expenditure of up to \$1,000 for coordination services in support of the continued development of the Peterborough hiSTORIES project as a part of honouring and celebrating the legacy of Martha Kidd in Peterborough. This expenditure will be accommodated from the \$10,150 reserved by the PACAC for projects to commemorate the legacy of Martha Kidd in Peterborough.

## Background

At its meeting of April 7, 2016, the PACAC received a presentation for information regarding the Peterborough hiSTORIES project from a student in the Museum Management and Curatorship Program at Fleming College. The project was intended to set the framework for an educational interactive map of the City of Peterborough presenting oral histories that contribute to the story of the local community.

The inspiration for the project was derived from a series of 'Murmur' projects, the first of which was developed for Kensington Market in Toronto in 2003. Murmur projects seek to capture the intangible histories, through recorded story telling, for a unique geographic area or region. The focus is on stories of everyday people and their lives as they related to their environment and the buildings around them. 'Murmur' compiles stories and uses smart phone technology to allow users to access the information.

Arising out of the PACAC meeting of June 2, 2016, Elsbeth Cossar has been provided with an honorarium to further research the concept and coordinate its initial development. A project update is attached as Appendix A, and an updated copy of the project manual is attached as Appendix B.

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Appendix A: Peterborough hiSTORIES Project Update

Appendix B: Updated manual for Peterborough hiSTORIES project