



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: May 4, 2017

Subject: Report PACAC17-022
Heritage Conservation Plan Funding

Purpose

A report to recommend that the PACAC support a capital budget allocation request for a Heritage Conservation Plan for the downtown.

Recommendation

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PACAC17-022, dated May 4, 2017 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the Chair of the PACAC forward a letter to Council requesting that a capital budget allocation be included in the 2018 municipal budget for the completion of a Heritage Conservation Plan for the downtown.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with this recommendation.

Background

The Central Area Master Plan (CAMP) was completed in 2009 and updates the 1991 Downtown Master Plan that strongly promoted the protection of properties and buildings of historical or architectural importance:

“Even though the significance of individual properties may not warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act, their loss may detract from the character of Downtown, therefore the conservation of all properties is encouraged. To fulfill this objective, the Master Plan requires the development of a Heritage Conservation Implementation Plan, the scope of which may include the establishment of an area of demolition control and a heritage conservation district”.

Despite this direction, the Heritage Conservation Implementation Plan was never completed. While the CAMP recommended refreshing several implementation plans for the core area including: Site and Building Design Guidelines, Residential Intensification Study and Streetscape Design Guidelines, and called for the creation of two new plans: a Servicing Capacity and Constraints Study, and an Open Space Needs Analysis, the CAMP dropped the requirement for a heritage implementation plan. At the same time the plan recognized that “Public sensibilities now expect preservation of the building stock as a celebration of cultural heritage. Starting with a clean slate is an anomaly in the downtown”. A letter to the CAO will begin the process of establishing funding for a Heritage Conservation Plan for the commercial core area.

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