



City of
Peterborough

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

FROM: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Report PACAC10-010
Turnbull Disaster Plaque Proposal

PURPOSE

A report to recommend that PACAC pursue the creation of a bronze plaque to commemorate the Turnbull Department Store collapse.

RECOMMENDATION

That the PACAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PACAC10-010, dated March 9, 2010, of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the Committee enter into negotiations with Seven Hills Developments, Inc. and the Peterborough Historical Society to create a bronze plaque commemorating the Turnbull Disaster.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Committee would be required to negotiate how the cost would be shared between the project partners. There are funds available to the Committee in both its operational budget and its Special Projects reserve account.

BACKGROUND

Andrew Wasson, Vice President of Seven Hills Developments, Inc, the company that restored and owns the old Zellers building at the corner of Simcoe and George Streets, met with the Heritage Resources Coordinator seeking verification of the names of the victims of the Turnbull department store collapse. The company is interested in placing a plaque on the current building to commemorate the event. During that conversation it was suggested that the creation of a plaque similar to the Inverlea plaque might be created to commemorate the event. Mr. Wasson is interested and indicated that he would be willing to share the cost of its creation. The HPO is recommending that the PACAC seek to create a partnership with the Peterborough Historical Society and Seven Hills to produce text and jointly fund the initiative.

Submitted by,

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