



City of
Peterborough

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

FROM: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Report PACAC12- 006
PACAC Participation in Jane's Walk Peterborough 2012

PURPOSE

A report to recommend that the PACAC consider participating in Jane's Walk Peterborough 2012 and explore a partnership with the Peterborough Field naturalists.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the PACAC approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC12-006, dated February 14, 2012 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the PACAC participate in Jane's Walk Peterborough through coordination of local walks and,
- b) That the PACAC provide financial support for promotion and coordination of the walks up to a maximum of \$3500.00 and,
- c) That the funds for the event be drawn from the 2012 Doors Open budget and,
- d) That the PACAC consider a partnership with the Peterborough Field naturalists to organize this year's event.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The PACAC's yearly budget includes \$5,000.00 for the organization of the annual Doors Open Peterborough event. The Committee has decided not to hold the event in 2012 and will re-launch Doors Open in the spring of 2013. The 3,500.00 budget can be accommodated in the Doors Open funds while leaving \$1,500.00 available for the provincial registration cost for 2013.

BACKGROUND

Peterborough first took part in Jane's Walk in 2010 with a walk entitled "Nature in the City", organized by the Peterborough Field Naturalists. The walk included an exploration of migrant songbirds and wildflowers with discussion about natural areas in Peterborough, the functions they provide and how to maintain them in the future.

The Vision of Jane's Walk

Jane's Walk honours the legacy and ideas of urban activist and writer Jane Jacobs who championed the interests of local residents and pedestrians over a car-centered approach to planning. Jane's Walk brings people together to explore their neighbourhoods and meet their neighbours. Free walking tours held on the first weekend of May each year are led by locals who want to create a space for residents to talk about what matters to them in the places they live and work. Since its inception in Toronto in 2007, Jane's Walk has expanded rapidly. In May of 2010, 424 Walks were held in 68 cities in nine countries.

The main Jane's Walk event takes place annually on the first weekend of May, to coincide with Jane Jacobs' birthday. Jane's Walks can be organized and offered any time of the year although the first weekend in May is where the main organizing committee focuses organizational energies and resources. A key principle of Jane's Walk is that it is self-organizing and self-selecting.

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