



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:** June 12, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Report PACAC12-026  
Register of Eligible Properties

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to provide the PACAC with information on the creation of a Register of Eligible Properties.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the PACAC approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC12-026, dated June 12, 2012 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the report on the Register of Eligible Properties be received for information, and;
- b) That the PACAC recommend to Council that it include in the City's Register of Places of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, properties that have not been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, but that the Council and municipality believe to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## BACKGROUND

In October of 2006 Council approved the recommendations in report CSCH06-011 (attached as Appendix A), adopting several changes to the process of heritage preservation in the City. It delegated the approval of certain alterations to heritage attributes to the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) and the PACAC. It adopted the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* as the standards to which heritage properties in Peterborough would abide, and it authorized the Clerk to upgrade the City's register of places of cultural heritage value or interest to include properties that have not been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, but that the Council and municipality believe to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

In September of 2009 Council received Report CSACH09-015 (attached as Appendix B) recommending that it approve the Land Information Systems (LIS) based inventory of properties evaluated for their cultural heritage significance as the City's Register of Places of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. The Register would include both designated properties and those deemed eligible for designation.

Over a number of years the HPO had evaluated every property in Schedule 'J' and a large number of properties in Schedule 'H' – nearly 2300 in total. The report recommended that properties receiving a preliminary score of 30 points out of 100 on the PACAC's Heritage Building Evaluation Score Sheet be deemed suitable for inclusion on the Register. This cut off was based on the fact that, of the five categories in the evaluation process, four can be completed from direct observation of the property. The final category, historical significance, requires in-depth research which takes significant time to complete. A maximum of 25 points can be awarded for historical significance. If a building were to be awarded maximum historic points it would meet the 55 point level making it eligible for designation. The completion of historical research could then be triggered by proposed development or building permit activity and a recommendation regarding designation made to Council.

Although it adopted the recommendations of the 2006 report, Council did not approve the recommendations in 2009. There was some misunderstanding that the intent of the report was to designate 1700 properties en masse. Council directed staff to seek community input into the creation of the Register through a newspaper advertisement. Two responses to the ad were received. One was from a lawyer seeking clarification about the impact that creating the Register would have on properties currently being conveyed. The other was from the Peterborough Real Estate Board opposing the proposed designation of nearly 1700 properties. They too had misunderstood the intent of the Register. Senior staff have now directed the HPO to pursue passage of the Register. Staff is therefore requesting that the PACAC recommend to Council that it create a Register of Eligible Properties.

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APPENDIX A - Report CSCH06-011  
APPENDIX B - Report CSACH09-015