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**Peterborough**

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**TO:** Members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee

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

**MEETING DATE:** May 14, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Report PACAC13-016  
Doors Open Wrap-Up

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to provide a final update on Doors Open 2013.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the PACAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PACAC13-016, dated May 14, 2013 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator as follows:

That the report on Doors Open 2013 be received for information.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct budget or financial implications resulting from this report.

## BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2013, Doors Open Peterborough held its 11<sup>th</sup> successful event. After taking a year off in 2012 in order to transition to May, this year's theme was "Doors Open All Stars" featuring 12 of the best sites from the previous ten years of the program. There were approximately 2300 visits on the day of the event. This number is up from the total visits in 2011 but down from attendance figures in other years.

Visitors provided some comments about the event and suggestions for the future:

- Include new venues.
- I thought everything – volunteers, information, etc. – was well thought out and easy to follow.
- Would like a more frequent bus schedule.
- We went to Little Lake Cemetery and Fire Station. All very interesting. Thank you and also thanks volunteers.
- Bus wait times were very long so we couldn't attend more than 2 venues. But we do appreciate the availability of the buses.
- Need more advertising and signage.
- The event itself was well organized and the venues all very visible.
- Continue to book on a sunny day ☺ I enjoyed walking to all the buildings.
- Thank you to the young gentleman who guided me through the John Howard – great spirit!
- Need more volunteers.
- Have more events over 2 days.
- Smoothly run!
- Not quite enough time to complete (saw 8 sites).
- Enjoyed lunch at Pappas, good idea to include a place to eat lunch.
- I love old architecture, heritage sites, thanks for having some on the tour.
- Guide at the Water Treatment Plant was very knowledgeable.

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