



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: June 4, 2015

Subject: Report PACAC15-019
Heritage Preservation Office Report

Purpose

A report to advise the PACAC on the monthly activities of the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) for May 2015.

Recommendation

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PACAC15-019, dated June 4, 2015 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the report with respect to the activities of the Heritage Preservation Office for the month of May 2015 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Heritage Conservation District

The Draft Study for the Avenues and Neighbourhood will be received by Committee of the Whole on June 1, 2015. If staff recommendations are approved the Study will be adopted at Council on June 8, 2015. The plan phase of the process will commence mid-June with a completion date set for December, 2015.

Stop Gap Program

Staff have been asked to consider supporting a program to create small temporary ramps that provide access for people with mobility issues to stores in the downtown with steps to the main entrance. There are concerns with the concept that staff from several departments need to consider, but the issue highlights the need for municipalities to consider how the implementation of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act will impact heritage properties.

Budget

The 2016 budget process has begun. Staff have been directed to hold increases to the cost of living increase (2%) with no new staff requests. Staff will recommend that PACAC's budget be \$15,800.

Public Art Project

The City is considering a public art project in James Stevenson Park under the Hunter Street Bridge. There has been a growing problem with graffiti on some of the lower bridge arches within the park and studies have shown that the presence of graffiti art projects tend to deter unauthorized tagging. Artspace will be leading the proposed project as a juried art installation with a national artists call. The project is proposed to become an annually renewed installation. Two arches would be used with a new painting being completed in alternate arches each year.

Affordable Housing

Several years ago the City created an Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan with the goal of supporting the creation of 500 new units in the next ten years. Several projects are underway including the adaptive re-use of Knox United Church, the old south end fire hall and the Mount Community Centre. In addition there is a proposal to construct a new row house at 135 Rubidge St. The original structure was destroyed by an arsonist in 2008.

Circulations Received for Comment

File: O1301 and Z1301

Address: 1637 Hetherington Drive and 3789 Water Street

Proposed Amendment –Development Description:

The applicant proposes to amend the Official Plan to change the designation of the lands at 1637 Hetherington Drive from Major Institution to Residential on Schedule 'A' - Land Use; and to 'Medium Density Residential' on Schedule 'E' - Residential Density. The applicant also proposes to amend the Zoning By-Law to rezone the lands from the UC - University and College Zoning District to a Special District to permit the redevelopment of lands known as 1637 Hetherington Drive for Medium Density Residential Development, consisting of stacked row housing with up to 50 dwelling units and a density of 61.73 units per ha. OR other housing form as permitted in the draft by-law, including singles or row dwellings. The zoning of the lands known as 3789 Water Street is proposed to be amended from the UC- University and College Zoning District to a Special Commercial District to permit a mixed use development consisting of Neighbourhood Centre commercial uses and medium density residential uses in accordance with the Neighbourhood Centre policies of the City's Official Plan.

Recommendation by Staff: Archaeological assessments have been completed on the site. No comment is required by the committee.

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