



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: October 11, 2018

Subject: Report MAAC18-014
Peterborough Museum & Archives: Deaccession

Purpose

A report to recommend the deaccession of two (2) objects from the collection of the Peterborough Museum & Archives.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC18-014 dated October 11, 2018, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the following two (2) objects be deaccessioned from the collection of the Peterborough Museum & Archives:

- i) weigh scale;
- ii) permanent wave machine.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no immediate budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

Peterborough Museum & Archives Deaccession Policy

As a designated Category “A” institution, the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) strives to adhere to ethical guidelines for collection storage and growth. There are circumstances when the deaccessioning of objects in a museum or archives strengthens and refines the collections. Such circumstances are identified in the criteria of the PMA Deaccessions Policy (Appendix A). The Museum & Archives Advisory Committee and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport regularly review and approve the PMA Policy Manual, including the Deaccessions Policy.

PMA Collection Relocation Project


The PMA Collection Relocation Project was one component of the Museum Renewal Project (2010-2017). A professional moving company was contracted to pack, ship and store the entire PMA collection during the construction of the Curatorial Centre. During the return of the collection, PMA staff inspected objects for damage.


Of the 45,000 artifacts and more than 2000 linear feet of archival material, 30 instances of damage to an artifact were documented (.06%). PMA staff have determined that two (2) of the damaged objects are no longer suitable for exhibition or research: (1) a weigh scale; and (2) a permanent wave machine.

Deaccession

PMA staff recommend that the weigh scale and permanent wave machine be deaccessioned, based on poor condition and/or duplication (Table 1).

Table 1 Peterborough Museum & Archives: Objects Recommended for Deaccession

Accession Number	Object Name	Reason for Deaccession	Date of Deaccession	Method of Disposal
974.165.6 a-g	Weigh Scale 	3.2 Duplication 3.3 Poor condition	October 11, 2018	De-accession Policy, Item 5.3

997.27.18	Permanent Wave Machine 	3.3 Poor condition	October 11, 2018	De-accession Policy, Item 5.3
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Summary

A weigh scale and a permanent wave machine, currently in the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) collection, shall be deaccessioned and disposed of in accordance with the PMA Deaccessions Policy (2018).

Submitted by,

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Appendix A - Peterborough Museum & Archives Deaccessions Policy (2018)