



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: March 7, 2019

Subject: Report PACAC19-016
Doors Open 2020

Purpose

A report to recommend that the PACAC support an expanded Doors Open event for 2020 and request that budget support be allocated by the Corporation.

Recommendations

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approves the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC19-016, dated March 7, 2019 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the PACAC support an expanded Doors Open event for 2020;
- b) That the PACAC form a sub-committee to begin planning the event; and
- c) That staff be requested to seek an increase in the Doors Open budget to support the event in the 2020 budget process.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Since its inception in 2002, Doors Open Peterborough has become a highly successful event that showcases the City's heritage to thousands of people annually. It is an important part of the PACAC's outreach programming, increasing awareness about the city's historic and contemporary sites.

In recent years, a number of municipalities have expanded their Doors Open programs beyond their major centres to include surrounding rural areas and municipalities in order to showcase other communities and sites within the local county or region. These include events in Waterloo Region, Simcoe County, and Cornwall-Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. The expansion of Doors Open Peterborough outside the city in 2020 would allow the event to showcase the rich heritage of the surrounding municipalities and historic communities which do not regularly host Doors Open events on their own.

In the past, staff and Doors Open committee members have received enquiries from historical societies and other groups in the surrounding municipalities regarding the possibility of hosting Doors Open events in their communities. Given this interest, staff are recommending that the PACAC strike a subcommittee to explore the possibility of hosting a joint event with other interested communities and municipalities in 2020. The subcommittee will begin to develop a framework for how the event will be planned, reach out to other municipalities and organizations, and create a preliminary budget to allow staff to seek an increase in budgetary support for the event in the 2020 budget process.

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