

To: Members of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee

From: Karen Rennie, Manager of Arts, Culture and Heritage Division

Meeting Date: May 9, 2019

Subject: Report ACHAC19-014

Arts, Culture and Heritage Division Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) on the monthly activities of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division for April 2019.

Recommendation

That the ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC19-014, dated May 9, 2019 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That the report with respect to the activities of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Division for April 2019 be received for Information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The Arts Culture & Heritage Division coordinates the development and provision of arts, culture and heritage activities, facilities, services and resources. Upcoming activities are highlighted below.

Peterborough Public Library

Provincial Funding Cuts are affecting inter library loans at Peterborough Public Library. The courier service has been eliminated which means there is no longer access to send items back and forth to other libraries with the SOLS courier routes. This means that if the service continues, items would have to be mailed/shipped in some other way - which is potentially cost prohibitive. There are no other service disruptions at this time as library staff work to return all loans.

Art Gallery of Peterborough

High water levels on Little Lake were a concern in April for the Gallery but necessary steps such as sand bags and the emergency plan were in place. Currently no flooding has affected the gallery this year.

Renovations and Accessibility at the gallery will be addressed this year through an accessibility grant and the city facilities staff. In particular the front entry way and main doors will be part of the project.

2020 Budgets/ Website

Staff has begun to submit draft budget ideas for 2020. City Council is hosting a series of Ward Meetings and drop-in sessions to meet with residents, and share information on the 2020 process. Part of the process includes an online budget survey to encourage community engagement in the process.

The City launched a new website on April 26, 2019 providing an online presence that is more accessible, mobile friendly and easier to navigate for users.

Submitted by,

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