



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: June 13, 2019

Subject: Report MAAC19-009
Peterborough Museum & Archives: Museum Drive

Purpose

A report to update Committee on the future of Museum Drive with regards to road classification, signage, speed limit and the ability to enforce the safe use of the road.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-008, dated June 13, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the Museum Director's update on the future of Museum Drive be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The Peterborough Museum & Archives (the "Museum") is located near the top of the drumlin formation, Armour Hill, which is named after the land's first European owner, Samuel Armour. In 1937, the land was purchased and donated to the City of Peterborough by the Women's Patriotic League to honour those who lost their lives during the First World War.

Ashburnham Memorial Park (the “Park”) includes 12 acres, 2 of which are dedicated to Museum facilities and functions. The Park offers many positive attributes for the Museum: the location is a spectacular observation point for both the City and the region of Peterborough; it is adjacent to the popular historic Lift Lock site; and, has ample space for outdoor programs and parking.

In 2018, the Kawartha Pine Ridge and District School Board (the “Board”) agreed to acquire approximately 1.9 acres of land (once included in the Park) to support the construction of a new East City School. The consideration for the transfer of the 1.9 acres is, in broad strokes, the Board (i) constructing improvements to Museum Drive to a defined point; (ii) constructing a sidewalk connecting Hunter Street East to the main Museum building and (iii) installing an improved water service to the main Museum building.

Access to the Museum, the (future) East City School and the Park is by way of Museum Drive, north of Hunter Street East.

Road Classification, Signage, Speed Limit, Safe Use of Museum Drive

Currently, Museum Drive is not a public highway; it is simply a driveway serving the Museum and the Park. Accordingly, the regulations concerning speed limits under the **Highway Traffic Act** do not apply to Museum Drive. However, motorists are still required to operate their vehicles in a safe manner at all times. The Peterborough Police Service is aware of the Committee’s concerns and allocates appropriate resources to police Museum Drive and the Park.

Museum Drive currently has the following signage:

- 3 "SLOW" signs (2 as approaching the Museum from the south, and 1 as approaching the Museum from the north);
- 1 "school crossing" sign, north side of the Museum Drive - Hunter Street East intersection.

Planned Improvements at the Museum

In order to better serve Museum patrons and increase safety the following improvements are planned:

1. Paint parking lines in the Museum’s front parking lot;
2. Repaint the crosswalk from the Museum front path to the front parking lot;
3. Repaint the accessible parking spot;
4. Install signage to demarcate Museum “Visitor Parking”;
and, assuming the transfer of land to the Board is completed,
5. The installation of a sidewalk from Hunter Street East to the main Museum building.

Summary

The City of Peterborough strives to ensure safe and reasonable access for all those using Museum Drive to visit the Peterborough Museum & Archives and Ashburnham Memorial Park or to attend the (future) East City School.

Submitted by,

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