



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: September 12, 2019

Subject: Report ACHAC19-022
Public Art Update

Purpose

A report to advise ACHAC on the monthly activities of the Public Art Program for July and August 2019.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC19-022, dated September 12, 2019 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That the report with respect to the Public Art Program for July and August 2019 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The City of Peterborough's Public Art Program helps to create culturally enriched public spaces that foster a sense of place and an emotional attachment to Peterborough's urban and natural environment.

Public Art Projects Update

Library Commons Sculpture

The commons construction was completed in intervals over the summer. The sculpture installation was coordinated to accommodate the commons construction team. The installation took place in three stages.

Stage 1: Rods were drilled into the below grade foundation.

Stage 2: A masonry foundation was formed around the rods and subsequently cured for a week.

Stage 3: The kebono wood sculpture was delivered to site in four parts and installed using a telehandler over two days. Members of the installation team from North on Sixty and artist Patrick Li have returned to site numerous times since to fine tune the piece.

The Library Commons Ribbon Cutting will take place on Thursday September 5th.

Nogojiwanong Project

The interpretive panels are now in production and scheduled to be installed for a late fall ribbon cutting, contingent on the completion of landscaping at the project site.

City staff are exploring a direct commission with an artist (vendor of record) to create the public art piece for June 2020. The artist will make a presentation to the project steering committee in mid September.

UN Peacekeepers Monument

The award of the Urban Park construction contract is pending. The creation and installation dates for the public art piece will be identified as soon as the contract is awarded with timelines established for the Park's construction.

Public Art Maintenance

Several public art pieces around the city are queued for maintenance to be completed this fall, weather permitting.

Aylmer Street Mural Relocate

The west facing façade of Pappas billiards is being considered as the new site for the cut-out pieces salvaged from the Aylmer Street mural. The Pappas building was one of the shortlisted sites in the original Downtown Mural Project Wall Call in 2016. The reinstall will take place pending the artist's rendering of the space, building envelope assessment, and engineering approval.

Firefighters' Monument

The artists have been contracted to add the name of a recent fallen firefighter to the monument this fall.

Art Gallery of Peterborough

To mitigate an ongoing maintenance cost and address the unsightliness of salt damaged groundcover at the gallery entrance, Public Works has replaced the groundcover with mulch. The addition of mulch at the base of the sculpture to the right of the entrance offsets the sculpture nicely.

First Moon Phases – Millennium Park Entrance

The slate tiles forming the perimeter of a medicine wheel inlaid in the cement walkway require replacement. Weather permitting this work will be completed by mid October.

Benchmark Benches – Little Lake

Launch Pad Bench – Artist Michael Fortune will be replacing the fire hose on the sculpture in September.

Untitled Bench – Artist John Ireland will refurbish the woodwork on his piece this fall. Masonry maintenance will be scheduled in the spring.

Bench for Richard B Rogers – The hydraulics system will be repaired on this interactive piece pending the approval of a quote from the hydraulics company.

Simcoe Street Murals

City staff met with the mural artist Greg Elliot in June to discuss possible maintenance approaches with the proviso that a decision would not be made until after the Library Commons construction and art installation was completed.

Public Art Program Refresh

A dialogue about public art between the City and the community was initiated at the Public Engagement sessions in June. City staff is creating Public Art Survey Monkey

(Due to launch by Mid September) to keep the conversation going. The results of the engagement sessions, survey monkey and research into other municipalities' public art programs will be considered in a report to ACHAC to recommend supported changes.

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