



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: October 10, 2019

Subject: Report MAAC19-012
East City School Project - Update

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) staff will present an update on the East City School Project.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-012, dated October 10, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the update on the East City School Project be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB) acquired 1.9 acres of Museum property to accommodate the construction of a new East City School and associated bus access. Construction commenced in June 2019.

KPRDSB and the City of Peterborough are working together to consider and address any impacts on Peterborough Museum & Archives service delivery, collection care, access and safety.

Impacts on PMA Facilities and Collection

In anticipation of the possible impacts on PMA facilities and collection during the East City School construction, PMA staff have identified the following risks and mitigation strategies:

1. Museum Drive: Construction vehicles and heavy machinery use Museum Drive daily, which can pose risks to regular users, i.e., pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular traffic. KPRDSB is providing road signage and construction flaggers, as required.
2. Site vandalism: The removal of the south treeline has rendered the Curatorial Centre visible from both Hunter Street and Downtown Peterborough. The building's surveillance system captured the recent graffiti incident; repairs are in the planning stages.
3. Power outage: Site electrical work will involve remapping the transformer box that feeds the PMA facilities. KPRDSB has been directed to, and agreed to, ensure a zero loss of power to the PMA.
4. Vibration: PMA staff have installed a vibration monitor in the Curatorial Centre to register any excessive vibrations. Building codes mandate a level higher than that being monitored. Should the monitor register an event, PMA staff will communicate with the KPRDSB Project Architect directly, and inspect the vulnerable collections.
 - a. Facility - vibrations can cause damage to buildings. PMA staff have documented the pre-construction condition of the Curatorial Centre. The vibration monitor will inform whether a repeat inspection is required.
 - b. Collection – vibrations can cause light objects to move on shelves. The small, fragile objects in the Curatorial Centre will be temporarily wrapped, boxed and relocated prior to April 2020, the scheduled peak period of heavy construction adjacent to the Curatorial Centre.
5. Increased dust: The air filters in the Curatorial Centre may require more frequent replacement than usual due to the increased dust from construction.
6. Increased pest ingress: The pest management program will be maintained, and enhanced as required, because the disturbance of habitat may drive pests to seek other shelter, namely the Curatorial Centre.

Summary

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB) and the City of Peterborough are united in the goal to develop a positive East City community.

Submitted by,

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