

To: Members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation

Advisory Committee (PACAC)

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: July 7, 2020

Subject: Report PACAC20-021

PACAC Special Event Update

Purpose

A report to advise the PACAC of the status of the special events that were planned for this year.

Recommendation

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PACAC20-021, dated July 7, 2020 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the verbal update by the Chair with respect to the Heritage events planned for this year be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Doors Open 2020 – The Doors Open program for spring 2020 was postponed indefinitely until further notice due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Staff is in contact with the Ontario Heritage Trust regarding a fall event, possibly using a digital platform.

Young Canada Works – The Heritage Preservation Office applied for two summer positions through the Young Canada Works Program for 2020: Heritage Research Assistant and GIS Heritage Assistant. Both students started work remotely on May 5, 2020. The HPO was successful in securing the funding for one of the positions through Young Canada Works. The positions are tasked with completing and launching the walking tour app.

Heritage Permitting Process – The heritage permitting process has now been integrated into the City's land use planning and permitting software AMANDA (Don't ask what it stands for. Not even the software developers know anymore). Heritage permit applications, supporting materials and current review info, are now available across the corporation allowing all divisions to see the status of an application. This ensures that when the HPO has made a decision or communicated with an owner, all other staff engaged in the review will be seeing current documents, drawings, etc.

Heritage Hunt – The HPO postponed the Heritage Hunt this spring due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Staff are looking into a fall launch for the program.

Walking Tour App – The summer students are moving ahead with the completion of the walking tour app. The Heritage Research Assistant is completing further research on existing points of interest and generating new sites for inclusion. The GIS Heritage Assistant is working with our Geomatics Division and ESRI corporation to implement the functions we want in the app itself. The students will make a presentation on their work at the next PACAC meeting.

Conferences – The Ontario Heritage Conference has been cancelled for this year. The National Heritage Conference has been adapted to a virtual format. Details will be forwarded to the committee as they become available. The committee has funding for members to attend conferences. This may be a good opportunity to consider participating in the National conference in Canada or others globally of interest to members.

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