



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 10, 2020

Subject: Report ACHAC20-013
Arts, Culture and Heritage Division Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) on the COVID-19 recovery updates for the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division.

Recommendation

That the ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC20-013, dated September 10, 2020 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 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. COVID-19 resulted in many changes, including closure of our facilities and currently staff are working towards

recovery. The Division does anticipate an ongoing impact as the health crisis continues.

Art Gallery of Peterborough

The Art Gallery of Peterborough has Reopened!

The Art Gallery of Peterborough reopened to the public beginning on Thursday, August between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., by appointment.

Here's what you can expect.

- Increased sanitization of all high touch surfaces between each pre-booked visit to the exhibitions;
- Pre-booked, 45 minute appointments, for up to ten visitors within the same "social bubble" starting on the hour;
- All staff and visitors required to wear masks (please bring your own);
- Contactless payment options;
- Plexi shield between Visitor Service staff (front desk) and guests;
- Hand sanitizer available upon entry and throughout the Gallery;
- Reduced open days to allow for increased cleaning.

We are taking a staged approach to our reopening. For the moment, only our exhibition spaces will be available for booking. When other offerings become available, we will announce them via email and on our website and social media pages.

Peterborough Museum and Archives

The Peterborough Museum & Archives officially reopened to the public, by appointment only. The Museum was one of the first City facilities to reopen in early July, with Alternative Summer programming beginning late July. Hours have been modified and are currently.

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: closed

Sunday and Holidays: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Visits are by appointment through the online appointment scheduler, or call the Museum at 705-743-5180 during our regular business hours to book your preferred date and time to visit our permanent and temporary exhibitions. If you are hoping to conduct research in our Archives, please contact our Archivist by email.

Some changes include:

- The maximum number of people allowed in each group is ten.
- Time slots are 50 minutes each, booked on the hour, with scheduled cleaning between visits.
- During your visit, you will have exclusive access to our exhibits - meaning you and those in your group will be the only visitors in the Museum!
- Plexi shield at reception desk
- Face coverings are encouraged

Alternative Camp Programming- Summer 2020

The Summer Play Program was an alternative to the City of Peterborough's normal summer day camp programs, reflecting the provincial safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Summer Play was focused on offering a variety of week-long, full day programs providing children with a chance to practice physical distancing while still having access to summer programming.

Ages

- Junior Museum Adventure is for children ages 4 to 6 years old (based on the start date of the program)
- Museum Adventure is for children ages 7 to 11 years old (based on the start date of the program)

The Museum was very successful with this alternative summer offering and was sold out for Junior Camp and at 80% for the Museum Adventure program.

Peterborough Public Library

The library reopened the doors as of August 25, 2020. To ensure they are meeting the requirements of the Province's Stage 3 guidelines for reopening, service will continue to look a little different while we work towards our new normal.

Curbside Pickup ended on Saturday, August 22, 2020 to allow for the library to reopen. Curbside Pickup was a very successful program launched by the library due to COVID restrictions and served more than 200 clients each day.

This is what you can expect:

- Please enter and exit the building through our main doors off Aylmer St. This is an accessible entrance with access to an elevator to reach both the main level and the Children's Area of the library.
- Visitors will be asked to wear a face covering, if possible. The library respects that not everyone is able to wear a face covering but they are an additional measure that can help us protect each other.
- A maximum of 50 people are allowed in the building at any given time, which means there could be a line formed outside the entrance if we are at capacity. We will be using a 1-in-1-out method to track people in the building.
- Library members can browse and check-out our entire collection, but we ask that you try to limit your time spent in the library to allow for others to enter.
- High-touch and shared touch point areas including the children's toys, our study rooms and most of our seating will not be available at this time. Room rental spaces and the cafe will also remain closed at this time
- Public computers will be available for use on a first-come-first-serve basis in 30 minute blocks. We will ask you to limit to one session per day.
- Everyone will be required to self-assess before entering the building. If you are feeling unwell or have symptoms of COVID-19, please visit an assessment centre and follow their recommendations.

New Temporary Library Hours

The library will be reopening with new hours:

- Tuesday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday and Monday - closed

Heritage Office (HPO)

Since the office was closed in mid-March, HPO staff has continued to manage designated properties, review archaeological assessments, review planning applications approve alteration applications and review heritage grants while working remotely from home. The Heritage Hunt was launched in July and seems to have been a welcome diversion for the community with a good turnout this year. Doors Open is going to be a virtual undertaking this year. The Ontario Heritage Trust has developed a "Digital Doors Open" platform, and many cities across Ontario have begun to showcase their sites this

way. Peterborough has decided to focus on two sites for a fall launch of Digital Doors Open Peterborough: The Commerce Building and Lett Architects. The Committee is working with a local marketing and production agency to produce short videos of these two sites as well as a short walking tour video featuring the downtown. The office again hosted Young Canada Works students this summer who worked on preparing the walking tour app for launch this fall. Several new heritage designation reports are completed for submission to Council this fall.

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