



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee**

From: **Susan Neale, Museum Director**

Meeting Date: **October 15, 2020**

Subject: **Report MAAC20-005**
Peterborough Museum & Archives: 2021 Draft Budget Update

Purpose

A report to recommend to Committee that the 2021 Draft Budget Update for the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) be received for information.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC20-005 dated October 15, 2020, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the 2021 Draft Budget Update be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

The 2021 City of Peterborough Budget Information Memo and Completion Instructions were distributed to Commissioners on April 6, 2020. Financial Services staff are currently scheduled to present the Draft 2021 Budget in November 2020.

Background

2020 Budget Information: Department of Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada – Museums Assistance Program

The Government of Canada created a \$500-million Emergency Support Fund as an additional temporary support measure for cultural, heritage and sports organizations that are experiencing significant financial losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of this amount, \$53 million is going to the heritage sector through the Museums Assistance Program. The emergency fund helps affected organizations maintain their operations.

The Museums Assistance Program supports heritage institutions in an effort to preserve and exhibit heritage collections. It encourages the preservation of Indigenous cultural heritage and access to heritage collections for all Canadians. It also promotes the development of knowledge, skills and professional practices related to key museum functions.

The Government of Canada supported the Peterborough Museum & Archives in 2020 with a \$97,330 grant from the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations.

Refer to Appendix A; the media release is also online:

<https://www.peterborough.ca/en/news/peterborough-museum-archives-gets-a-financial-boost-from-government-of-canada.aspx>

2020/21 Budget Information: Ontario Museum Association – Provincial Budget Recommendations

The Ontario Museum Association (OMA) has brought forward three (3) provincial budget recommendations to the Ministry of Finance, to help address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on museums across Ontario:

1. An Ontario Museum Relief Fund of \$8.5million.
2. A Digital Response Fund of \$10million over three years.
3. A Renewed Funding Model of operating funding to a total of \$15million annually.

For further details, refer to Appendix B and the OMA website: www.museumsontario.ca

2021 Budget Information: City of Peterborough

The City of Peterborough Operating and Capital Budgets for past years, including 2020, are available on-line:

http://www.peterborough.ca/Business/Finance/Operating_and_Capital_Budget.htm

The 2021 Budget Information Memo included the following information of note to the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee (MAAC):

- the Draft 2021 Operating Budget was to be presented whereby existing levels of service were maintained, legislated enhancements were reflected, and costs were adjusted for an inflationary factor of no more than 1.0%.
- only Council approved enhancements to levels of services, or enhancements approved to be included in the Draft 2021 Budget, were to be incorporated.
- no new positions were to be included in the 2021 Operating Budget unless Council had approved that the position be included in the Draft 2021 Budget or the CAO had approved it as a part of their delegated authority.

The 2020 Budget Information Memo asked City Divisions to assume 2021 business as usual, in anticipation that the financial impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic would ease through 2020. The 2021 Budget will accommodate key budget drivers such as inflation, contractual obligations and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Summary

The process of completing the 2021 Draft Budget commenced in April, to enable City staff to meet the deadlines necessary to have a 2021 Budget approved prior to the end of January 2021. The Draft 2021 Budget for the Peterborough Museum & Archives is close to the level of inflation.

Submitted by,

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Attachments

Appendix A – Media Release: “Peterborough Museum & Archives gets a financial boost from Government of Canada”

Appendix B – Ontario Museums Association: Provincial Budget Recommendations