



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: February 11, 2021

Subject: Report ACHAC21-004
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 Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC21-004, dated February 11, 2021 of the Manager of Arts, Culture and Heritage, 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 recommendations.

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 closed to the public in December when Ontario moved into the grey zone by the Province. Since that time staff have continued with on-line programming and working from home.

With the State of Emergency and Stay at home order declared on January 12, 2021 the Gallery remains closed with staff working from home.

Peterborough Museum and Archives (PMA)

The PMA closed to the public in December and staff are working from home.

With the State of Emergency and Stay at home order declared on January 12, 2021 the PMA remains closed with staff working from home.

Peterborough Public Library

In December the Library was able to remain open for curb side pick up with some small adjustments due to winter weather.

With the state of emergency and stay at home the Library is able to continue with curb side pick up with reduced hours to meet the restrictions in place.

Heritage Preservation Office (HPO)

The HPO office is open for business, but the staff continue to work from home. The HPO office budgeted for and was successful in obtaining funding for the first step of a new Heritage Conservation District for Downtown Peterborough.

The first step is the study process where the area is defined by researching the properties and the types of buildings within the core. The study will define if a HCD is warranted and what a proposed boundary area might be.

The results will be presented to Council by the end of 2021 and if approved Step 2 would be the plan for the HCD. Generally, a two-year process.

Arts Alive Follow up

As part of the 2021 budget process, City Council approved a \$40,000 donation to the Arts Alive fund to sport the Arts and Culture community in Peterborough.

Submitted by,

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