



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: April 8, 2021

Subject: Report ACHAC21-010
Presentation by Hutchison House Museum

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) of a presentation by Hutchison House Museum

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC21-010, dated April 8, 2021 of the Manager of Arts, Culture and Heritage, as follows:

That the presentation from Dale Standen, President, Hutchison House Museum be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

This presentation follows ACHAC's 2021 workplan as decided by Committee. The arts culture and heritage community has been particularly hard hit by the pandemic. These presentations are intended to help ACHAC keep abreast of the local impact of the pandemic, as well as pandemic responses.

Hutchison House is one of the oldest limestone houses in Peterborough. It was built in 1837 for Dr. John Hutchison, the City's first resident physician.

The Hutchison's lived in the house until 1847, when Dr. Hutchison died of typhus he contracted from his patients. In 1851, the house was sold to James Harvey, a prominent local merchant and remained in the Harvey family until 1969, when it was donated to the Peterborough Historical Society. The house was restored to the mid- 1800's period and opened as Hutchison House Living Museum in 1970. One of the bedrooms is dedicated to Sir Sandford Fleming, a cousin to Dr. Hutchison, who lived in the house when he came to Canada in 1845.

The presentation will highlight the effect of COVID-19 and how they have adapted and reimagined their programming.

Submitted by,

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