



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: May 13, 2021

**Subject: Report ACHAC21-015
Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre Project**

Purpose

A report to seek endorsement from the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee (ACHAC) for the Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre Project at Traill College.

Recommendation

That the ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC21-015, dated May 13, 2021 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That the Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre Project at Traill College in Peterborough be endorsed by the City of Peterborough Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Catharine Parr Traill College is the oldest part of Trent University. Founded in 1964, it was originally established as an all-women's space to make higher education more accessible. Although the College became co-educational in the 1970s, at its core remained an importance to empower all voices and encourage all forms of expression, particularly articulated by all members of the Peterborough community.

Jalynn Bennett, CM (1943-2015) was a trailblazer. In an era when men dominated corporate Canada, she was a prominent fixture in the boardrooms of the nation's most prominent institutions. As a Director of the Bank of Canada, the CIBC, CanWest Global or as the chair of the Trent University Board of Governors, she possessed boundless energy and vision in everything she did. Throughout her many roles she realized great success while empowering the dreams of others.

After her death, the Jalynn Bennett Estate placed a call for "bold" and empowering project ideas. The executors saw the Amphitheatre, proposed at Traill College, as a project that could bring the university and community together through a shared love of cultural expression.

Dr. Michael Eamon, Director, Trent University Continuing Education will provide a presentation on the Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre project and the local partnerships in place as they seek funding support through Canadian Heritage. The presentation is intended to provide background information to ACHAC about the project and seek endorsement from the Committee.

Submitted by,

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