



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: June 10, 2021

Subject: Report ACHAC21-023
Electric City Culture Council Activity Update

Purpose

A report to advise Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) on the activities of the Electric City Council (EC3) including the Poet Laureate pilot program for 2021-22

Recommendation

That the ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC21-023, dated June 10, 2021 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee receive the report for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

The honourarium for the 2021 Poet Laureate is approved within the 2021 budget process.

Background

EC3 is an arm's-length, not-for-profit arts service organization supporting individual artists and arts organizations in the City of Peterborough and surrounding region. Our mission is to develop and strengthen the creative ecology of the region by connecting individuals and organizations and by providing the leadership, advocacy, professional development, information, research, networking, programming and collaborative partnerships, that build and support the capacity of the local arts and culture sector.

COVID-19 has delayed the launch of the Poet Laureate program, but in August 2020 the Emergency Control Group of the City of Peterborough approved proceeding with the Call for Poets and virtual interviews for the program. The official kick-off for the program is to be determined and subject to Public Health guidelines and restrictions.

EC3 will provide an update on the selection process and recommendations for the 2021/22 Poet Laureate program.

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