



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: January 13, 2022

Subject: Film Production In Peterborough - The SEOPAF initiative
Report ACHAC22-002

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee (ACHAC) of the SEOPAF initiative.

Recommendation

That ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC22-002, dated January 13, 2022 of the Manager of Arts, Culture and Heritage Division as follows:

The update report be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications with the recommendation.

Background

The South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (“SEOPAF”) will be a stable separate film funding stream that will boost original domestic screen-based production while growing local industry in South Eastern Ontario (“SEON”). By attracting to the region Domestic Screen-based Production Companies* (“DSBPC”) with viable film, TV and documentary projects, SEOPAF will offer new entry level jobs in SEON while building capacity across a range of support sectors (eg. hotels, catering, etc.) including key infrastructure builds (eg. expanded broadband and later studio construction). A

proposal was prepared by an ad hoc volunteer committee of film and television professionals, economic development and tourism officials who make their home and business in South Eastern Ontario (SEON) and is being submitted to the Provincial Government. The group is looking for local support for this project and has reached out to the Municipality.

The ACHAC working group met with Chad Maker on January 6, 2021 and will provide an update on the initiative.

Submitted by,

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