



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

Report: Peterborough Museum & Archives: Bird Friendly Initiatives, Report MAAC24-004

Subject

A report to recommend that the presentation by the Climate Change Coordinator, City of Peterborough, on bird friendly initiatives at the Peterborough Museum & Archives be received for information.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC24-004, dated June 13, 2024, of the Museum Director as follows:

That the presentation by the Climate Change Coordinator, City of Peterborough, on bird friendly initiatives at the Peterborough Museum & Archives be received for information.

Executive Summary

The City of Peterborough received certification as a [Bird Friendly City](#) through Nature Canada in 2022. The Bird Friendly Cities program encourages communities to take action to protect the fate of bird populations. In 2023, Kawartha Bird Control completed a Bird Friendly Audit Report for the Peterborough Museum & Archives, noting bird conservation opportunities and bird control suggestions.

Background

Nature Canada: Bird Friendly Cities Program

Environment and Climate Change Canada committed to protecting bird populations and their habitats through an investment in the Bird Friendly Cities (BFC) program, developed and implemented by [Nature Canada](#) (Appendix A).

The Bird Friendly Cities program, established in 2020, encourages communities to:

- a) reduce the number of human-caused threats to birds.
- b) create safe environments for birds.
- c) engage and educate citizens on the benefits of Bird Friendly Cities and the celebration of birds in communities.

City of Peterborough: Bird Friendly City Status

The City of Peterborough partnered with the community environmental coalition Bird Friendly Peterborough to apply for Bird Friendly City (BFC) certification from Nature Canada. In 2022, Peterborough gained entry-level certification. The City is striving to lower bird species vulnerabilities through bird strike mitigation efforts, habitat rehabilitation, and community awareness building.

Peterborough Museum & Archives: Bird Friendly Opportunities

In 2023, Kawartha Bird Control completed bird friendly audit reports for City facilities, including the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA).

Situated between the eastern shore of the Otonabee River and the western shore of the Trent-Severn Waterway, within Ashburnham Memorial and Rube Brady Parks, the PMA has ample overlap with the natural world. Recommendations for the PMA considered bird safe windows, feather friendly project imagery, bird safe lighting, bird friendly gardens, and strategies to address nuisance and invasive species.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Community and Well-being

Strategic Initiatives: “Enhance the natural, recreational, sports, the arts, and cultural aspects of our community.”

“Demonstrate strong leadership in environmental stewardship by proactively addressing issues and challenges of climate change and the environment.”

Engagement and Consultation

The Bird Friendly Cities program, managed by Nature Canada, is consultative by design. The City of Peterborough is collaborating with community organizations, groups, and stakeholders to ensure that Peterborough's urban environments become safer havens for birds, rather than a source of threats.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budgetary impact resulting from the Recommendation in this Report.

Attachments

Appendix A: Bird Friendly Cities program, Nature Canada

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