



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC)

**From:** Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2018

**Subject:** Report PACAC18-027  
Ontario Heritage Conference

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend that the PACAC receive for information an update on hosting an Ontario Heritage Conference.

## **Recommendations**

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC18-027, dated June 12, 2018 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the PACAC receive for information the update on the status of the 2020 Ontario Heritage Conference application; and
- b) That the PACAC express their interest to Community Heritage Ontario to host the 2021 Ontario Heritage Conference.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

The Ontario Heritage Conference is an annual event held in communities across Ontario which showcase issues in municipal heritage and is run under the umbrella of Community Heritage Ontario (CHO). Held over three days in May or June of each year, the conference attracts between 200 and 250 delegates from across the province to discuss heritage matters. At its meeting of February 1, 2018, the PACAC supported an application to host the 2020 conference.

Heritage Preservation Office staff received an email on April 21, 2018 from CHO to inform the City that the bid to host the 2020 conference had been unsuccessful. This email is attached as Appendix A. This email encouraged applicants to apply to host a conference in 2021 or beyond.

While the call for formal proposals for the 2021 conference has not yet been announced, it would be advisable for the PACAC to formally express interest to CHO in hosting a future conference, if the committee is interested in doing so. An expression of interest alerts CHO to the PACAC's intent to bid again for the conference. A revised and updated proposal can then be submitted at the request of CHO, likely in early 2019.

Hosting a conference of this type allows Peterborough to highlight the important heritage work undertaken in the city. It also has a specific economic impact through conference spending on items including promotional material, venues, and catering and individual delegate spending on accommodation, meals, and other purchases.

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Appendix A – CHO Email