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**To:** Members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)

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

**Meeting Date:** June 28, 2018

**Subject:** Report ACHAC18-016  
Official Plan Update

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## **Purpose**

A report to provide an update on the Official Plan review process.

## **Recommendations**

That the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report ACHAC18-016, dated June 28, 2018 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the ACHAC receive a verbal update on the outcomes of the Official Plan Design Charette; and,
- b) That the ACHAC strike a sub-committee comprised of three members to research and report back on the inclusion of support for arts and culture in official plans province-wide.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

From June 4-7, 2018 the City undertook a four-day planning workshop to help define the design guidelines for intensification development in the city. The process was undertaken as part of the official plan review now underway. Dennis Carter Edwards, Chair of the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, attended the event and will provide a brief verbal update on the process and outcomes.

In 2012, an ad-hoc committee of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee was convened to research and provide recommendations on appropriate heritage content as part of the City's review and update of the Official Plan (OP). The ad-hoc committee undertook a scan of OPs across Ontario and produced a comprehensive brief which was approved by the PACAC and provided to the Planning Division (Appendix A).

Since 2012 there has been a reset of the official plan review process. In that time the ACHAC has overseen the implementation of numerous identified actions and initiatives in the Municipal Cultural Plan. The role of culture in community building is well-defined in Peterborough and best practices for supporting arts and culture in a land use planning context should be captured in the Official Plan. Staff is recommending that the ACHAC convene a similar sub-committee to PACACs, charged with reviewing municipal official plans across the province for appropriate language in support of arts and culture. It is recommended that a draft of the sub-committee's findings be presented to the ACHAC at its September meeting, and if approved be forwarded to the Planning Division for incorporation into its official plan review process.

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Appendix A – 2012 PACAC Official Plan Review Submission