



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: September 10, 2015

Subject: Report ACHAC15-024
Heritage Preservation Office Report

Purpose

A report to advise the ACHAC on the monthly activities of the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) for May to September 2015.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC15-024, dated September 10, 2015 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the report with respect to the activities of the Heritage Preservation Office for the months of May through September 2015 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Heritage Register

The second Public Meeting for the proposed update to the City of Peterborough's Heritage Register was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015. The meeting was targeted primarily at building owners and provided them with a draft of the properties to be

included with brief descriptions. Those in attendance asked many questions regarding the process and legislation. It was well received and the Register is expected to move forward. The list will be presented to the PACAC and to Council in the coming months.

Doors Open Update

Doors Open Peterborough took place on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Approximately 1,000 attended the event which was held on the Trent University Campus as part of the University's 50th anniversary celebrations.

2015 Heritage Hunt

The Heritage Hunt concluded May 4th. This year's event focused on the Avenues and the Old West End. About 20 entries were received but this generally represents only a fraction of the people who take part in the event. Winners of the contest will be determined this week. Prizes, as in previous years, have been donated by local businesses.

Façade Improvement Program

Staff from the HPO are participating again this year in administering the City's Façade Improvement Program. The program provides matching grants up to \$15,000 for owners of downtown properties undertaking exterior improvements to their buildings. If a building is deemed eligible for designation, the improvements funded by the grant are expected to be sympathetic to the heritage features of the property.

Cenotaph

The Cenotaph Advisory Committee will be meeting in early May to review several issues regarding the conservation of the memorial. A recent inspection of the masonry base of the Cenotaph shows that the repointing work from 5 years ago is failing because of settlement of the granite stones. Some remedial work will be done this summer but consideration needs to be given to a major reconstruction of the base.

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