



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: October 8, 2015

Subject: Report ACHAC15-032
Heritage Preservation Office Report

Purpose

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

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC15-032, dated October 8, 2015 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

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

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Heritage Conservation District (HCD)

The first meeting of the HCD Steering Committee was held on September 15, 2015. Members of staff and the community received a presentation from ERA Architects outlining the planning process. There was a general discussion of what features of the district would be important for the community to discuss. An update and questionnaire is being circulated to all residents in the study area to gather feedback prior to the first public meeting and workshop to be held on October 15, 2015.

Bethune St. Flood Diversion Project

The flood diversion project for Bethune St. has entered the detailed design stage. Council has selected AECOM as the primary consulting firm. The design phase, including the streetscape redevelopment plan for Bethune St., will be completed by November of 2016. The planning will include extensive public consultation and presentations to the PACAC for input.

Vision 2025

The City of Peterborough has contracted with the Rethink Group to prepare a 10-year strategic plan for recreation, parks, arenas and culture. The plan will include an analysis of the current provision of leisure services including:

- City programming,
- festivals and events,
- indoor and outdoor facilities
- policies and practices,
- parks and open space,
- leisure trends and best practices, and
- the way leisure services are funded

Current demand, past trends and potential demographic changes will be examined, to help predict future demand on services and facilities. The Plan will make recommendations on reducing overlap, improving efficiency, optimizing resources, and seeking new sources of revenue and funding.

A meeting for input from advisory committees was held on September 15, 2015. For those members of ACHAC who were not able to attend, there will be further consultation opportunities as the project progresses.

Fleming Museum Management Student Project

This year the Museum Management and Curatorship students are focusing their exhibit project on built heritage in Peterborough. Because of this the students will not be doing their annual heritage research project for the HPO. HPO staff will be part of the project committee for the exhibit.

Catholic School House

There has been no further communication with the Diocese concerning the fate of the property.

School Consolidation

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board is giving consideration to an accommodation review as part of a proposed consolidation plan. Board administrators have recommended amalgamating Armour Heights and King George in a new building on the King George site, and amalgamating Highland Heights and Queen Elizabeth in a new building on the Queen Elizabeth site.

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