



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee**

From: **Becky Rogers, Manager, Arts, Culture and Heritage Division**

Meeting Date: **April 14, 2016**

Subject: **Report ACHAC16-022**
Division Manager's Report for March 2016 and application for
the Community Partnership Settlement Plan

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee on the monthly activities of the Manager, Arts, Culture and Heritage Division for March 2016 and to seek approval from ACHAC to make an application for the Community Partnership Settlement Plan.

Recommendations

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report ACHAC16-022, dated April 14, 2016 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

- a) That Report ACHAC16-022 with respect to the activities of the Manager, Arts, Culture & Heritage Division for March 2016 be received for Information; and,
- b) That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee approve the Peterborough Immigration Partnership's making an application for the Community Partnership Settlement Plan, and recommend that City Council endorse the application.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Immigration Portfolio

Peterborough Immigration Partnership Coordinating Committee:

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has launched the Welcoming Communities Initiative, a three-part approach to support the expansion of the current network of communities across Canada that can provide the supports and services necessary to resettle Syrian Government Assisted Refugees (GAR) and other newcomers in the future. This initiative is comprised of:

1. an open intake process for new Resettlement Assistance Program centres, which was open from January 13, 2016 to March 11, 2016;
2. an opportunity for communities to develop Community Partnership Settlement Plans that articulate their ability to resettle and retain refugees; and
3. information to communities on other ways they can be involved in supporting refugees, focusing on private sponsorship.

Part 1 of the Welcoming Communities Initiative is now closed.

- The New Canadians Center has been successful in their application.

Part 2 of the Welcoming Communities Initiative is to provide municipalities (or other interested parties), outside of Quebec, an opportunity to demonstrate via a *Community Partnership Settlement Plan* that necessary settlement supports and services are in place/or will be put into place, to resettle Syrian GARs in their community.

The *Community Partnership Settlement Plan* is a process and platform for communities, under the lead of the municipal government or other interested party, to demonstrate their current and planned capacity for Syrian GAR resettlement support and services. It serves as a systematic way for a community to assess its readiness, ensure that necessary partnerships and services are in place, and confirm that the key factors have been taken into consideration that can help in both attracting and retaining newcomers in the long-term.

The applicants must provide IRCC with a summary of a community's support and service capacity in the following key areas: the availability of a broad set of settlement services; availability of community infrastructure to serve the needs of Syrian GARs (e.g. permanent housing, employment, etc.); and established partnerships with stakeholders (e.g. provincial/ territorial government, Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) and Settlement Service Provider Organizations (SPO), Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) and or equivalent planning and coordination bodies). Plans must also explain how the community will quickly address any gaps they have identified through their self-assessment, and demonstrate the resources and capacity to implement.

If the *Community Partnership Settlement Plan* is approved by IRCC, the lead proponent and partners in the community will then be responsible for implementing its Plan, addressing gaps if required, and working with an existing RAP SPO to identify opportunities for Syrian GARs to find permanent accommodation in the community.

- The Peterborough Immigration Partnership will take the lead in applying for this program.
- The City will need to demonstrate that they are part of, and endorse the partnership as the municipality is not leading the development of the Plan.
- Staff will bring a report to Council as part of the application.

Part 3 of the Welcoming Communities Initiative will consist of IRCC giving information to communities to encourage other means of supporting refugees, such as private sponsorship. It is not yet underway.

Refugee Resettlement Task Force:

The Task Force met March 9 and 23, 2016 and staff have the following update:

- **RAP Update:** New Canadians Centre (NCC) has signed the contract and will be receiving 200-250 individuals (around 36 families but it will depend on size of family) over the next year. They will be hiring 3 Arabic speaking staff to work directly with families.
- **City Numbers:** there have been 19 adults and 26 children who have arrived (6 and 2 in the County). 39 students have been enrolled in both school boards.
- **Symposium March 29:** The symposium will be opened by MP Maryam Monsef. This will be followed by a presentation of \$27,000 in anonymous donations through CFGP (Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough) and an announcement of \$15,000 awarded to CFGP to help with housing. The symposium is primarily for support groups.
- **Housing Volunteers:** The NCC have trained housing search volunteers and a trained bed bug crisis team. They have a partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to be trained on and use their bed bug equipment.
- **Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)** – Fleming has just signed a contract and will have two new classes starting sometime in April in addition to the two existing classes. They have met with St. Joseph's at Fleming about providing childcare for LINC at their location and are in discussion with their Academic Upgrading department to see how to accommodate teenagers who have finished high school and want to move on to college but who may not have the appropriate credentials.
- **People Without Doctors (PWD)** clinic is running and will be open until August - this is not only to meet community needs but to demonstrate a need for more resources. Recognizing the needs of newly arrived refugee families, all GARs will receive a complete medical upon arrival. They can be referred to appropriate services, especially if they have significant health needs. They will also be registered for Health Care Connect. They can continue to access PWD to meet their ongoing health needs. The health working group will look at possibilities post-August most likely medicals will take place at their new offices at 185 King Street.

- Children's Aid Society – The CAS is hoping to establish a new Centre of Excellence for Immigration that will act as a single point resource for CAS agencies. Locally, there have been some calls from sponsorship groups with questions / concerns.
- Kawartha Muslim Religious Association - KMRA will be putting together three workshops on Syrian culture; each workshop can accommodate 70 people.

Syrian Refugee Resettlement:

Staff has been asked by the Cabinet Office Policy and Planning Office to take part in the weekly Syrian Refugee Municipal conference calls organized by the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Secretariat.

Metropolis Conference:

At the request of the Ministry Citizenship Immigration & International Trade, staff participated in a session at the conference on Partnering with Municipalities – Innovation and the Municipal Immigration Information Online (MIIO) Program.

Global Talent Summit - Canada's Skilled Immigration & Employee Relocation Conference:

Staff attended this conference.

Public Art

Division staff met with the Public Art Advisory Committee Working Group on March 9 and 21, 2016 to review procedures for advertising, interviewing and appointing members to the Public Art Advisory Committee. The DBIA Project Coordinator met with City staff to review the easement contract landlords will be required to sign for mural projects.

Staff also met with a student from Fleming College's Collections Conservation and Management Program who has volunteered for a public art project. The project will involve the seven Trent Severn Waterway artifacts in Ashburnham Memorial Park. The artifacts will be examined to determine their condition, and if necessary a conservation plan will be proposed. The artifacts belong to the Trent Severn Waterway, and once the project has been completed Staff will talk to the Waterway to determine the next course of action.

Cultural Planning Glossary of Terms and Definitions

Division staff continues participating on the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport (MCTS) committee to update their Cultural Planning Glossary of Terms and Definitions. Staff was given three working days to review and contribute to providing definitions for the terms previously identified by the Committee. Committee members were asked to review other sources, including Municipal Cultural Plan (MCP) reference guides, Google, Canadian Framework for Cultural Statistics, etc. to identify any additional potential terms and definitions to add to the glossary. The purpose of updating and having the glossary is to:

- Reflect current practice
- Help guide municipalities
- Provide standardized terminology and professionalize MCP practice
- Clarify the distinction between MCP and other forms of cultural planning and policy development.

The existing 2010 Glossary had a broader scope than a traditional glossary of terms and definitions and encompassed additional items such as MCP processes. There is still a need for terms and definitions, as a common understanding of terminology is critical to the practice. The updated document will be a standalone terminology and definitions guide, rather than a glossary that is an appendix to a specific tool. It can include references to other tools and resources which provide more in depth information.

Other members of the Committee were also given three days to review and contribute to the terms. The Committee will meet in April to review the proposed changes.

Cultural Statistics Strategy

Staff participated in conference calls to:

- review the draft report for the Provincial and Territorial Culture Satellite Account Annual Estimates for reference years 2010-2014 with Culture Statistics Strategy (CSS) partners; and,
- review presentations on the Municipal Feasibility Study and on Social Impacts and Benefits of Arts and Culture: Literature, Measurement Methods and Next Steps.

Heritage Conservation District

The Project Steering Committee met on March 22, 2016 to review the Draft Plan. The deadline for comments is March 29, 2016, and there will be a public meeting on April 13, 2016.

Cenotaph Advisory Committee

Staff met with the Clerk's Office to review procedures for scheduling and minute taking for the Cenotaph Advisory Committee. The need for a major reconstruction of the base in 2017 was also discussed.

2017 Budget

The City is preparing for the 2017 budget and staff are attending Questica refreshment training. Questica is the software the City purchased to manage the Budget.

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