



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: May 12, 2016

Subject: Report ACHAC16-029
Division Manager's Report for April 2016

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 April 2016.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report ACHAC16-029, dated May 12, 2016 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That Report ACHAC16-029 with respect to the activities of the Manager, Arts, Culture & Heritage Division for April 2016 be received for Information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Arts, Culture & Heritage Division

Public Art

Division staff met with the Public Art Initiatives Committee on April 4, 2016 to review DBIA, 2016 Hunter St. Bridge Mural, Library and the U.N. Peacekeeper projects; and, to review the procedures for appointing the members of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee Working Group met on April 11 and April 25, 2016 to review procedures for advertising, interviewing and appointing members; and, to shortlist candidates for interviews for the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Staff attended the public meeting for the 2016 Hunter Street Bridge project. There was a good turnout by both the public and the press.

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. The list of terms has been reduced to down to 40. The next step is to prepare a draft of the terms grouped by theme (e.g. MCP process, Cultural Resources, etc.), along with an attempt at definitions based on the feedback received to date. Some definitions will be straight forward and others a little trickier. This should be completed by June.

Cultural Statistics Strategy

Staff participated in conference calls to:

- Review the new and revised content for the Provincial and Territorial Culture Indicators (PTCI), 2010-2014 report by Statistics Canada; and,
- Discuss the Communications Plan for the public release of Provincial and Territorial Culture Satellite Account annual estimates on May 11, 2016, as well as the accompanying briefing and outreach strategy.

Creative Cities Network Canada

The Ontario members of the CCNC met in Oakville and in Thunder Bay for the second annual regional meeting. The focus of the day was on municipally owned performance centres. There were breakout sessions on:

- Municipal Arts Center's Role in the Creative City: More Bricks than Mortar;
- Investing in Culture;
- Municipal Cultural Planning; and,
- CCNC Ontario Chapter Proposal.

Vision 2025

The project consultant, the RETHINK Group, specialists in leisure services planning and management, met with the Steering Committee to review their findings and the presentation that will be made to Council later this spring.

Art Gallery Strategic Plan

Staff met with Laridae Communications to participate in a stakeholder engagement interview on April 14, 2016. Staff also attended the Art Gallery Board meeting in which the consultants provided to an update on the project, shared their preliminary findings, and sought input from the Board.

2017 Budget

Staff has begun preparing the 2017 budget. The salary and IT budget documents were submitted on April 22. Changes to staffing allocations are limited to negotiated salary increases. Any increases in part-time staff are limited to positions that can be offset by earned revenues or reduced costs. The remainder of the budget is due May 20, 2016.

Bethune Street Flood Diversion Project

Arts, Culture and Heritage Division staff participated in meetings to review the revised concept plans for each of the three concepts. There will be a public meeting in May.

Immigration Portfolio**Peterborough Immigration Partnership Coordinating Committee**

Staff has met several times with the Peterborough Immigration Partnership consultants who are preparing the application for the Welcoming Communities: Community Partnership Settlement Plan. The draft application will be completed by mid-May, and staff will bring a report to Council on May 30, 2016.

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Activities

Division staff continues to participate in conference calls with the Ontario Syrian Refugee Resettlement Secretariat and Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA). OMSSA is working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the provincial government through the Special Advisory Table on Refugees that provides executive leadership, strategic guidance, sector collaboration and information-sharing on issues concerning refugee arrival and integration in Ontario. These conference calls are now monthly, not weekly.

Refugee Resettlement Task Force

The Task Force met April 6, 2016 and staff have the following update:

- Symposium 2.0 took place March 29, 2016 at Adam Scott Collegiate. The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough announced two grants worth a total of \$42,000 to help Syrian refugee settlement in the Peterborough community.
- The Community Foundations of Canada's Welcome Fund for Syrian Refugees provided \$15,000 in funding to Peterborough's Community Counseling and Resource Centre's Housing Resource Centre to establish a Housing Stabilization Fund for Government Assisted Refugees to help refugees overcome financial barriers to finding suitable housing.
- Another \$27,000 from Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough by 2 anonymous donors is going to the New Canadians Centre to assist with salaries, support for volunteers sponsoring families, the committees supporting government assisted refugees and Peterborough's Refugee Resettlement Task Force.
- The NCC hosted a workshop at the New Canadians Centre for community volunteers who are providing support for the government-assisted refugees slated to arrive in Peterborough starting in April.
- IRCC is requiring RAP team to visit Ottawa and shadow their RAP teams. Peterborough now has a new IRCC worker who also speaks Arabic and will be visiting each family.
- Final RAP Budget and contract matters - NCC has the contract, they have rented additional space at the NCC for the new staff, 4 temporary houses for GARs as they arrive. The refugee coordinators have been advised not to ignore mental health issues and that they need to determine how best to create a therapeutic atmosphere for the families. Also of importance is supporting PSRs and GARs equally. We need to develop a Peterborough model for integration and support, but also borrow best practices from other communities. We also need find a better way to tell the stories of the individual families.
- Peterborough Immigration Partnership - RRTF is a part of the community umbrella for NCC. Membership forms are available. PIP is applying to IRCC's Welcoming Communities program to have the RRTF's activities recognized as filling the need for a Welcoming Communities: Community Partnership Settlement Plan.

Round Table

- Health unit – they are holding weekly immunity clinics.
- Housing - what to do about insurance this for families. The Housing Resource Centre is trying to find out if they can get a group rate for all the refugees to cover contents and liability insurance.
- Mosque organizing cultural workshop for May. They are looking for a location to hold the meeting.
- PRHC - have signage about calling interpreters for medical staff. They have developed a cultural competency plan for PRHC that is going to senior staff.

- Fleming - need to have strategy for communications. Have 2 new LINC Classes.
- Housing Resource Centre – they are developing criteria for housing funds. Delay in something like Child Tax Benefit can create a housing problem. GARs are eligible for the City Housing Stability fund. They would also like to launch a campaign for raising funds for Housing Stability Fund.
- KPRDSB – they have 31 students now and have hired another language teacher. They are having a workshop with teachers around cultural competencies, also about reporting on the kids skills without focusing on language difficulties. They are hoping to have a central registration process for kids mid May.
- NCC is hiring an Arabic youth worker. Donation drive was great and they have handed extras over to YES and Women's Shelter. There is an Arabic speaking gynaecologist in Northumberland Hospital.

Welcome Peterborough MIIO Web Site

The project coordinator and the facilitator continue to meet with the focus groups. They have already received some very valuable information and advice from the groups. One of the changes staff will be implementing is recommending additional layers on the Community Asset Maps to cover: the cultural maps on the City web site; school locations; recreation facilities; parks and trails; and transit routes. The New Canadians Centre and the Peterborough Partnership Council will be adding links to the maps on their web sites.

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