



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: June 9, 2016

Subject: Report ACHAC16-035
Division Manager's Report for June 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 May 2016.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC16-035, dated June 9, 2016 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That Report ACHAC16-035 with respect to the activities of the Manager, Arts, Culture & Heritage Division for May 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 May 30, 2016 to review the DBIA & the 2016 Hunter St. Bridge Murals, the Library, and the U.N. Peacekeeper projects; and, to review the procedures for the members of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee Working Group met on May 2, 3, 5 and 9, 2016 to select members for the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Staff also met with Artspace and Utility Services to review the condensation and leeching of the Hunter Street Bridge with respect to the first mural project. The decision was made to continue with the second arch mural slated for completion this year.

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

The 2014 Provincial and Territorial Culture indicators were released on May 11, 2016. The information is appended in Appendix A through G.

2017 Budget

Staff met several times in May with the Art Gallery and Museum Directors, with the Heritage Resources Coordinator, and with the Director of Community Services, to review and finalize the 2017 Arts, Culture & Heritage budgets.

Canadian Canoe Museum

Staff from across the Corporation of the City of Peterborough met with the Canoe Museum and Parks Canada to review procedures for the Museum to advance the project.

Bethune Street Flood Diversion Project

Staff participated in the Public Information Centre panel review on May 4. Peterborough staff joined the NYC studio's Webex during which they walked us through the approach to PIC 1 and the 3 streetscape concepts.

Vision 2025

Members of the ACHAC are invited to attend the final Community Forum to provide input into **Vision 2025, the Ten-Year Strategic Plan for Recreation, Parks, Arenas and Culture** for the City of Peterborough.

At the Community Forum, the findings and conclusions, the emerging long term Vision, the Guiding Principles, and the Strategic Directions (the key areas of focus of the Plan) will be presented.

There will be ample opportunity for participants to discuss in small groups, the Vision, the Guiding Principles and the key areas of focus (Strategic Directions) of the emerging Plan - and to provide opinion.

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2016
Place: Evinrude Centre – main hall
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Please arrive by 6:45 or earlier to provide time to register and get seated.

Please RSVP to Cari-Anne Borrmann by June 15th.

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Immigration Portfolio

New Canadians Centre

Staff attended the New Canadians Centre (NCC) Annual General Meeting. The City was named the NCC Community Partner of the Year.

Peterborough Immigration Partnership Coordinating Committee

Staff has continued meeting with the Peterborough Immigration Partnership consultants who are preparing the application for the Welcoming Communities: Community Partnership Settlement Plan. Council endorsed submitting the application on the May 30, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Activities

Division staff continue 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 May 11, 2016 and staff have the following updates:

Update on Refugees*

- The NCC has received profiles for 5 families but only one notice of arrival - the first family scheduled to arrive May 11 at midnight (a shuttle was arranged by IRCC to bring the family to Peterborough).
- There are approximately 60 privately sponsored refugees in Peterborough (half adult, half children) and another 15 who will hopefully arrive soon.
- The NCC has 25 GAR support groups at different stages of readiness - 16 ready to go. They will be holding another volunteer information session on September 15th to recruit more support group members (if still needed).

Update from RAP Workers

- In the month since their arrival, they have prepared (all in Arabic) Individual binders in which families can keep their documents organized, walking maps of downtown and Severn Court, an annotated City Map with key destinations highlighted (and bus numbers), and orientation sessions on health, housing, etc.
- They will be presenting the orientation sessions at the LINC class

Update on IRCC

- The NCC Executive Director and all of the RAP team visited Ottawa for two days to shadow workers and learn from them. It was a good trip, and the NCC feels that they are well prepared.
- Some cases will be particularly challenging (e.g. multiple disabilities, trauma, very large single parent families, etc.); in these cases, IRCC will check with the NCC ahead of time to see if Peterborough has the supports needed to help the family.
- The new IRCC officer met with NCC staff. She speaks Arabic and is very engaged. She will be invited to visit a Refugee Task Force meeting
- Kingston has been approved to receive GARs but is not operational yet as they have no settlement experience. The NCC may be helping with some training

Update on Fundraising

- The NCC received \$10,000 from the Canadian Council for Refugees to go towards a dental fund.
- Through their general Welcome Fund, the NCC is looking at establishing a Rent Subsidy and a Dental Fund. They are looking ahead to their sugar challenge in support of dental care.

Other Updates

- Member organizations of the task force are being encouraged to join the Peterborough Immigration Partnership if they have not already.
- There is a new Arabic speaking SWIS Worker to help children and youth; they have also applied for an Arabic speaking settlement worker

Member Updates

- VON 360 - no current waitlist; first families have been referred
- Health Unit - vaccinations for refugees and Healthy Smiles intakes on Thursday mornings.
- Family Health Team - first family has appointment with residents; once Patients Without Doctors closes, assessments will take place at the new office on 185 King Street.
- Trent is ready to help refugees interested in attending; they have waived the application fee and have support in place to help if individuals who have no documents.
- PIP - starting on the implementation of their strategy; first priority is Communication, Education and Outreach.
- City of Peterborough is almost ready to submit IRCC application to be recognized as a Welcoming Community
- KPR - Had teacher training on April 25; looking at best ways to do registration; reminder that families who have problems with sex education (or other parts of curriculum) should talk to the school about accommodation; free literacy camps for SK - Grade 3 (3 weeks in July if enough demand).
- Fleming - Will hold November conference; fundraising for bursaries; (have received some inquiries from families on post secondary education); 25 refugee students in LINC - mental health / trauma is being exhibited in a number of ways and is a concern.

Welcome Peterborough MIIO Web Site

In addition to editing the Portal content, the Project Coordinator and staff are meeting with City IT staff to begin the process of redesigning the web site.

Submitted by,

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Attachments: Appendix A through G