



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 ACHAC16-033
Ontario Culture Strategy

Purpose

A report to provide information and seek direction regarding a submission to the Committee for the Ontario Culture Strategy.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC16-033, dated June 9, 2016 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That the information on the Ontario Culture Strategy be received and that the Committee respond to the discussion paper.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

On September 24, 2015, the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS), formally launched public consultations regarding the development of the first-ever Ontario Culture Strategy. The culture strategy will serve as a guide for future government support for the cultural sector, through the principles and priorities identified through the public consultation.

The first draft of the [Culture Strategy](#) is ready. The draft sets out a vision for culture and identifies three overarching goals to strengthen culture in communities, fuel the creative economy and promote cultural engagement and inclusion. These goals are supported by strategies and actions to guide Ontario's support for culture so that it continues to grow and flourish in the years to come. Once the Province finishes reviewing the feedback they will then finalize the strategy and release it in June.

There are two additional documents available for review.

- [A Summary of What We Heard from Ontarians](#), an overview of the first stage of consultations held from September 2015 to December 2015, in which we capture the key themes and ideas that emerged during the engagement process.
- [An Environmental Scan of the Culture Sector](#), a background document that describes key challenges, opportunities and trends affecting the culture sector in Ontario and emerging best practices in Canada and other areas of the world.

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