



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: June 9, 2016

Subject: Report ACHAC16-034
Proposed Casino Update

Purpose

A report to provide an update on the status of the proposed casino.

Recommendations

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report ACHAC16-034, dated June 9, 2016 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the report with respect to the proposed casino be received for information, and;
- b) That the Chair be directed to write a letter to the Ontario Gaming East Limited Partnership, requesting an opportunity to comment and provide suggestions on the design of the proposed casino.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

At the March 14, 2013 meeting of the ACHAC, the Director of Community Services made a presentation on the potential impact of a downtown casino development on local entertainment, culture and fund-raising. In addition to the recommendation to receive the presentation, a second motion was added that a member of the committee make a delegation to Council outlining the committee's concerns regarding the impact of a proposed casino on the City's arts, culture and heritage sector. Those concerns were also outlined in a letter from the Chair and forwarded to City staff and Council. A copy of the Chair's letter is included as Appendix A.

At the May 12, 2016 meeting of the ACHAC, there was general discussion regarding the location now proposed for the casino at the Crawford Drive gateway to the City. While the committee members were not unanimous in supporting the presence of a casino in the City, it was felt that, at very least the site and structures should be of a high level of design in keeping with the community's desire for the gateway area to give a good first impression to visitors. To that end, the committee is seeking a way to make meaningful comment on the design of the proposed casino. Staff is recommending that a letter be drafted by the Chair requesting that the casino operators make a presentation to the committee to allow it to provide suggestions on the design.

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Appendix A – Chair's letter re: Casino