

To: Members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory

Committee (ACHAC)

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: September 8, 2016

Subject: Report ACHAC16-039

Proposed Casino Update

Purpose

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

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC16-039, dated September 8, 2016 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the report with respect to the proposed casino be received for information.

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 fundraising. At that meeting the committee approved a motion that it make a delegation to Council, accompanied by a letter from the Chair, outlining the committee's concerns regarding the impact of a proposed casino on the City's arts, culture and heritage sector.

At the May 12, 2016 meeting of the ACHAC, there was further general discussion regarding the proposed casino at the Crawford Drive gateway to the City. It was felt that the site and structures should be of a high level of design. The committee made several suggestions regarding the proposal including:

- The need for public art;
- b. Incorporating local design elements to individualize the structure, and;
- c. Having some input into the interior design of the casino.

At the June 9, 2016 meeting of the ACHAC the committee passed the recommendation of *Report ACHAC16-034* 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 and to invite a representative to attend a future ACHAC meeting. The presentation made by Ontario Gaming East to the City in May of this year has been included as Appendix A for the committee's review.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Shorelines Peterborough Casino Presentation