



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: September 8, 2016

Subject: Report ACHAC16-043
ACH Division Manager's Report

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 June, July & August.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC16-043, dated September 8, 2016 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That Report ACHAC16-043 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 Advisory Committee (PAAC) for an Orientation Session. The next meeting with PAAC will be on September 27, 2016.

Staff also supported Artspace and Wendy Trusler, the co-coordinator for the Hunter Street Bridge (HSB) and DBIA mural projects. Activities included:

- Preparing contracts for signature by Artspace, the building owners for 414 Simcoe Street - the location of the DBIA mural, and Alex Bierk;
- Coordinating City project requirements with Public Works, and the Building Department;
- Attending the HSB project launch at Flavour,
- Checking in with the artists and the project coordinators for both mural projects to ensure their timely completion.

Staff met with the Urban Design Planner, to discuss next steps for the United Nations Peacekeepers project. Development of detailed designs will start this fall. Division staff will participate in this process. Staff was able to confirm that the budget details for this project.

Staff prepared a Scope of Work to contract with a trained conservator to update the Public Art inventory, complete a current condition evaluation and assessment of all City Public Art pieces, and develop priorities for any necessary maintenance or repairs.

Staff was asked to explain the procedures for Public Art commissions to Social Services. They are interested in decorating their space with art work from their clients.

Arts, Culture & Heritage Division - 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. Ministry staff have completed the first draft of the new Glossary. It will be reviewed by the committee on September 13th. It includes a background section, followed by an introduction to the guide and how it's set up before launching into the list of terms grouped under five themes or categories.

Cultural Statistics Strategy

Staff continues to work on the Culture Statistics Strategy (CSS) initiative developed by the Policy Research Group (PRG) at Canadian Heritage (PCH). Peterborough is a member of this committee through the Creative City Network of Canada. The focus of the CSS is to identify and develop replicable indicators to show the impact of culture at the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels.

There was a conference call on July 13, 2016 to discuss the exploratory study of the Culture Satellite Account (CSA) Phase 1 (attached), and potential next steps for Phase 2. Several options were identified for the project. They are:

OPTION 1: Develop a Municipal Culture Satellite Account (MCSA)

The results from this process will produce the most valid numbers and accurate numbers. This is also the most complex and challenging option. For example, the National Economic Accounts Division of Statistics Canada has raised concerns about insufficient industry data and product detail for metropolitan GDP, confidentiality, and data availability. The Phase 1 report, presented at our March 30 meeting identified that the exploratory study of municipal culture indicators: Final Report would take a year to complete and would cost \$150,000 to \$175,000. The cost for data production would be likely lower in future years (after the methodology has been firmly established).

OPTION 2: City Estimate of Provincial and Territorial Culture Satellite Account (CE PTCSA)

Develop a Municipal Culture GDP based on Provincial and Territorial numbers. This is a moderately complex option. It proposes to use existing provincial / territorial (PT) CSA data, which would entail developing 'split factors' to determine the amount of culture GDP for a given PT associated with a specific city (e.g. what part of Ontario's culture GDP is associated with Peterborough). The exact method for creating the split factors would need to be determined by a Municipal Data Technical Working Group. The further the PTCSA data is disaggregated, and the more variables involved, the less accurate and reliable the results will likely become. Therefore, Option 2 will focus just on GDP from the PTCSA, at a high level (i.e. as an overall total for a given city), and look to other sources to provide municipal data (e.g. the Labour Force Survey for employment figures, and Business Register for Cultural Business). Developing this option may entail some costs, though not significant (under \$10,000) and the results would be available in the next 6-8 months, or next calendar year.

Several other options were also presented, and in order to advance, members were asked to identify their preferred, top-three options to help determine, collectively, which of the other options would be pursued first. Good prioritization is necessary to ensure that limited resources are used effectively.

To facilitate the decision making process, it was suggested that a Municipal Technical Data Working Group be created. The group will support the development of the municipal level culture statistics, for the various options presented, based on the overall priorities of the municipal CSS partners. As one of the committee members from a mid-sized municipality, staff has been asked to join the project's Technical Working Group. This will ensure the unique interests and perspectives of smaller cities are represented and considered as some culture statistics options may not be of equal interest, or feasible, for all cities. Toronto, Ottawa and Peterborough are representing Ontario municipalities.

The Group held its first conference call on August 24, 2016. The decision was made to explore Option 2, and look at data from several other data sources such as the Business Register and Charitable Donations.

Bethune Street Flood Diversion Project

Staff attended a workshop on July 7 at the Holiday Inn for the Bethune St. Flood Diversion project. The purpose of the meeting was to consider Land Use and Urban Design/Development Alternatives for the Bethune Street corridor, including variation in building height, massing, land uses, private parking, and the relationship between buildings and the reconstructed street.

Staff met on August 12, 2016 to review the 50% completion stage of the proposed streetscape design for Bethune St. A preferred alternative has been arrived at and details for the street cross-section are being finalized. A further meeting was held on August 17 to review AODA requirements for the project. Staff will meet on September 1, 2016 to review the 75% completion stage, which will include the land-use planning recommendations.

A special meeting for all City advisory committees will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to hear a presentation and provide comment on the Bethune Street project. More information, as well as an agenda, will be circulated closer to the date of the meeting.

Vision 2025

Staff are participating on the Vision 2025 Steering Committee. Meetings were held on June 9 & August 29, along with a community consultation session on June 22, 2016. The Strategic Directions for the plan are currently being reviewed.

Immigration Portfolio

Peterborough Immigration Partnership Coordinating Committee

Staff sits on the Partnership Council's Community Coordinating Committee – the steering committee for Peterborough Immigration Partnership (PIP). The PIP is a community based organization made up of community groups, volunteers, agency representatives, newcomers and local residents. PIP launched its new Community Immigrant Integration Plan for 2016-2021 in the fall of 2015.

The three key priority areas of focus for the 2016-2021 Community Integration Plan are:

1. Social Infrastructure and Planning (Building an Inclusive and Engaged Community)
2. Economic Infrastructure and Planning (Enhancing People's Economic Well-Being)
3. Outreach and Policy Change (Educating for Change)

Meaningful integration requires progress to be achieved simultaneously in all of the above priority areas. An important part of the process of the community plan is

Measuring Our Progress, as a means to ensure that the goals of the integration plan are advanced and community prosperity is achieved. For this reason Measuring Our Progress is another area of focus vis-à-vis the three key priority areas.

This summer the Coordinating Committee formed a working committee to develop and refine PIP's annual work plans for 2016 to 2018. The work plans will guide all the activities of PIP over the coming years. Staff participated on that committee.

Staff has continued preparing the application for the Welcoming Communities: Community Partnership Settlement Plan. Once the PIP work plan is complete, the application will be sent to Ottawa. Council endorsed submitting the application on the May 30, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Refugee Resettlement Task Force (RRTF)

The Refugee Resettlement Task Force has continued to meet and work with the community and the New Canadians Centre over the summer. A goal of the Task Force is to determine how to keep the community engaged and interested.

Here are brief updates from the August meeting:

New Canadian Centre:

One of the Refugee Resettlement Coordinator is moving into a new position as Front Line Services Coordinator starting September 1. They will still be involved in the RAP Program in a supervisory capacity. The NCC is conducting internal interviews for a new Refugee Resettlement Coordinator.

There will be another volunteer information session on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 to recruit additional Government Assisted Refugee Support Groups. The GAR Support Groups are a key piece of successful settlement.

A second temporary housing unit has been set up downtown - The Glebe House.

Challenges ahead will include housing (especially as prices are higher than normal right now), dental (funds to cover costs of uninsured but necessary work), and special high needs cases (health, mental health, disabilities, etc.)

Numbers:

10 families have come through the RAP Program since May. 1 individual was transferred to Toronto, and 1 family was destined for Trenton (only doing orientation here). That means we currently are working with 8 GAR families (38 individuals). 2 families are scheduled to arrive in September, and we have profiles for an additional 11 families. The government's target for Peterborough is 180 GAR individuals for 2016.

Approximately 3/4 of the privately sponsored refugees (75 individuals) have arrived or will be arriving shortly. The federal government representative said in a conference call with the city that they will be doing a push in September and dedicating additional

resources to bringing in the remaining private sponsorships. There will be an upsurge in arrivals this fall.

Task Force Updates

VON 360 Clinic – They are receiving families; have created an Arabic welcome package and Arabic consent forms.

Health Unit - Vaccinations going well; using a government funded catch up schedule

Family Health Teams - People Without Doctors Clinic closing soon; they have determined that there is a definite need for more family doctors but that this is not reflected in Health Care Connect. Continue to work with Queen's medical residents as appropriate.

Children's Aid - Have met with some private sponsorship groups / families; no major issues yet, but they are prepared.

SWIS - Have met with all incoming families; currently 5 families scheduled for September start.

Fleming - LINC now has 4 classes which are also running in the summer; the classes are nearly full.

City - Looking ahead to April (e.g. if RAP Program ends March 31 but families still arrive until the end of March). What support will be available. Suggest NCC does City presentation in October to provide an update.

Social Services - Looking ahead to "Month 13" when families who still need assistance transition off RAP Funding. They will set up meeting with NCC in September to discuss transition from sponsor support and also employment supports.

Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board - Since the city's houses are located in the catchment area of Highland Heights, they are prepping for new arrivals. They are meeting with SWIS to discuss registration.

Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington District School, Board - No new families referred recently, but families that have come are settling well and PVNCC is well-prepared. Their family sponsorship is now 10 individuals, but there is no arrival date yet.

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. Most communities are focusing on Month 13 when the refugees transition of their sponsor or government support.

Welcome Peterborough MIIO Web Site

The staff supporting the redesign and edit of the Portal resigned in July. A new staff member has been hired. They will start in October.

Other

Staff participated in meetings to:

- Clarify mapping requirements to merge the ACH Culture maps with the Community Services Asset Maps.
- Repurpose the City's election app to provide information on other City services.
- Review Councilor Pappas' plan to attract and support immigrant entrepreneurs coming to the area.
- Review the Age Friendly Action Plan from a Division point of view.

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