



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: October 13, 2016

Subject: Report ACHAC16-045
Parks Canada Trent Severn Waterway Update

Purpose

A report to recommend that the ACHAC receive a presentation from Darryl Whitehead, External Relations Manager, Ontario Waterways Unit, Parks Canada, regarding the plans for work on the Peterborough Section of the Trent Severn Waterway.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC16-045, dated October 13, 2016 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That a presentation on the work being undertaken on the Trent Severn Waterway in the Peterborough area be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

The Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) is Canada's largest national historic site stretching nearly 400 kilometres with 44 locks, a marine railway and approximately 160 water control structures. In June of this year, Parks Canada announced a commitment of \$267.5 million in infrastructure funding for the TSW in addition to the \$286.5 million committed in 2015 to restore and improve the national historic site. This funding will be used to restore and repair bridges, dams, locks and historic masonry structures, as well as improving visitor safety.

Projects identified in the Peterborough area include:

Rehabilitation of McFarlane Street Bridge, \$1.5 M - The McFarlane Street Bridge, built in 1896 and replaced in 1962, will undergo a comprehensive inspection including an assessment of the bridge's substructure, concrete, embankments and guardrails and the necessary repairs will be completed.

Nassau Dam at Lock 22 Replacement, \$25.3 M - Design and construction of a new dam, complete with mechanized steel gates. The new dam will enhance water management capabilities on the Otonabee River and improve visitor and operator safety at the dam site.

Comprehensive Inspection of Peterborough Lift Lock, \$7.3 M - The Peterborough Lift Lock is itself a national historic site. More than 100 years old, this concrete structure now requires a comprehensive investigation similar to those mandated for all Parks Canada bridges and dams. This type of inspection will identify deficiencies, urgent repairs and long-term work needed to ensure the continued safe and sustainable operation of this engineering marvel.

Scotts Mills Dam Replacement, \$31.1 M - Design and construction of a new dam, complete with mechanized steel gates. The new dam will improve water management capability on the Otonabee River, and improve visitor and operator safety at the dam site.

Darryl Whitehead, External Relations Manager, Ontario Waterways Unit, Parks Canada will provide an overview of the projects contemplated for the Peterborough area.

Submitted by,

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