



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: January 12, 2017

Subject: Report ACHAC17-005
Arts, Culture and Heritage Division Manager's Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) on the monthly activities of the Manager, Arts, Culture and Heritage Division for November and December 2016.

Recommendation

That the ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC17-005, dated January 12, 2017 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That Report ACHAC17-005 with respect to the activities of the Manager, Arts, Culture & Heritage Division for November and December 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

The Public Art Advisory Committee did not meet in November 2016. Staff met with the group sponsoring the U.N. Peacekeepers monument in the Louis Street urban park and with the Urban Design Planner to review the scope of the project and its possible location in the park.

Art Gallery of Peterborough (AGP)

The Director of Community Services and staff met with the AGP Director, the Board Chair and the Treasurer to review their 2017 budget and discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the AGP and the City.

Staff also completed the AGP Director's annual Performance Appraisal on behalf of the City.

Cultural Planning Glossary of Terms and Definitions

While the committee did not meet, work on the Glossary is ongoing. The next meeting will be on January 11, 2017 to review the final edits and modifications to the Glossary. The work should be completed by the end of January, 2017.

Cultural Statistics Strategy

Consortium of Culture Statistics Strategy working group did not meet in November or December.

Bethune Street Flood Diversion Project

Staff participated in a conference call with AECOM to review the heritage impact of the proposed designs for Bethune Street. Of particular concern was ensuring that properties eligible for heritage designation were not scheduled for demolition. The draft plan for the Bethune Street streetscape redevelopment was approved by Council. The project is now in detailed design phase for the utility services component. Construction is due to start in 2018. Staff continue to participate as the project works towards 30% completion of the detailed design.

Cultural Mapping Layers

GIS staff have started revising and checking data for the various Culture maps using published data to identify workers and businesses that fall within the Information & Cultural Industries and the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation classifications. They are also checking local data sources where available.

Corporate Sponsorship

Staff from across the Division provided input into the Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator's web pages to ensure that the Division activities would be considered for possible sponsorship opportunities.

Immigration Portfolio

Peterborough Immigration Partnership Coordinating Committee (PIP)

Staff continue participating on the PIP Coordinating Committee and its working groups to develop an action plan for the PIP 5-year work plan and develop outcome measures for the work plan;

Refugee Resettlement Task Force (RRTF)

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

An outcome of the Task Force is the newly created Cultural Competency Partnership. The Partnership met for the first time in November and will continue meeting. The aim of the Partnership is to provide training and support for organizations in providing positive customer service.

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

Request for Additional Funding for the New Canadians Centre for 2017

The Federal Government has not announced whether the New Canadians Centre (NCC) will receive continued funding for the resettlement of Syrian refugees. Should there be no continued funding; the NCC will need additional financial support to enable them to continue providing settlement services in Arabic and translations services for

the refugees working with other organizations. Staff prepared a report for Budget Committee requesting \$50,000 if required in 2017.

Welcome Peterborough MIIO Web Site

Staff and the Immigration Portal Researcher met with Studio N to review the scope of the web site redesign. One of the goals of the project is to redesign the structure and content of the Portal by making it simple, clean and more modern; using more graphics and less text; and making it easier to navigate and adding, editing or increasing the information already on the Portal.

Studio N has provided their vision for the website and has reviewed it with the Operations Support Specialist and the Systems/Network Support Specialist who will be implementing the new design using the City's Content Management software.

Staff and the Immigration Portal Researcher also met with the project Steering Committee in November and December to review the project progress.

Multi-Cultural Business Community Meeting

Councillor Pappas initiated a program to bring members of the multi-cultural business community together. In 2013 the City held a meeting with 25-30 of the group stakeholders to gain a better understanding of the reasons for their success in Peterborough. Working with the CAO's Office, Peterborough Economic Development and Division staff, Councillor Pappas is organizing a follow up meeting early in 2017.

Other

Staff participated in meetings for:

- New Canadians Centre Board Meeting
- Senior CSD monthly managers meeting.

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