



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **April 13, 2017**

Subject: **Report ACHAC17-023**
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 March 2017.

Recommendation

That the ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC17-023, dated April 13, 2017 of the Manager of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division, as follows:

That the report with respect to the activities of the Manager, Arts, Culture & Heritage Division for March 2017 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

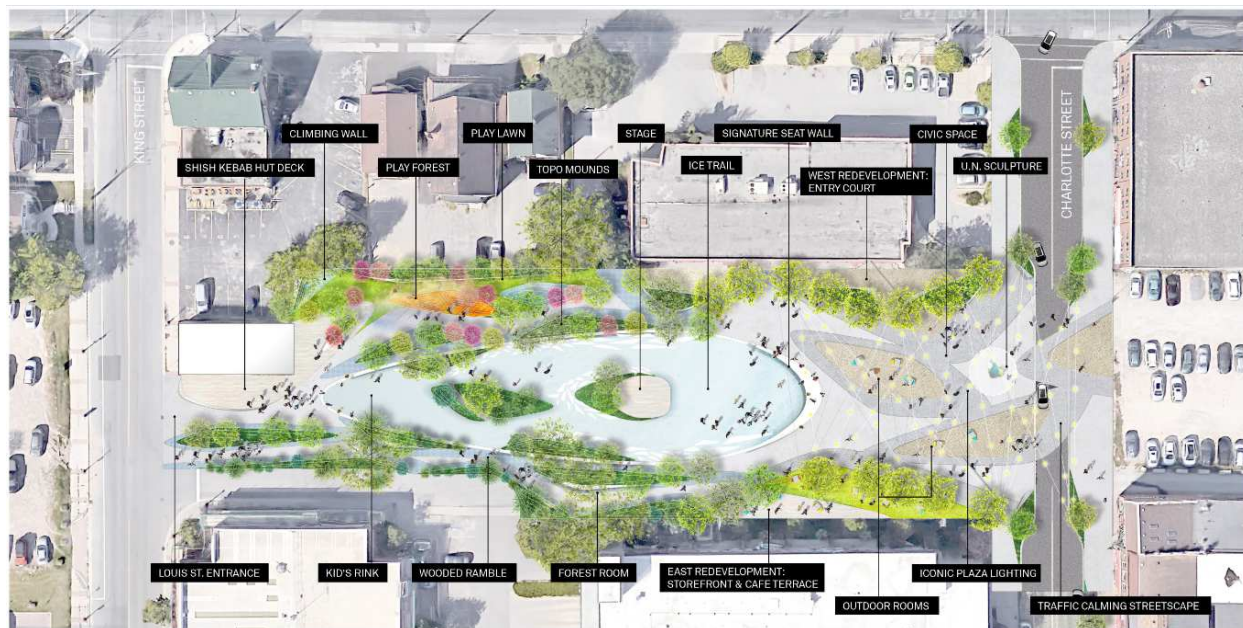
- Division staff met with the Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator to review the opportunities for obtaining sponsorship of the Downtown Mural project. They also met with the Manager of Facilities and Planning Initiatives to discuss the inclusion of public art at the new Arena being constructed in the north end of the city.
- Division staff met with AECOM's Senior Project Manager and Public Realm Coordinator to discuss the inclusion of public art along Charlotte Street and in the Urban Park. Changes to the public realm, including sidewalks, cycling lanes, street furniture, trees and plantings, lighting, public art and programming are being considered as part of these projects.

Charlotte Street should be thought of as the Central Area's east-west "Main Street". One of the key strategies in the CAMP is to give priority to the renewal of Charlotte Street, from Water Street to Park Street.

The Charlotte Street Business District is included in the Project in order to reinforce its relationship to the Commercial Core, to recognize its important gateway function into the downtown and because of its multi transportation function.



The Louis Street parking lot was identified as the location for the Urban Park following Council's approval of the creation of such a park. The new park has been identified as a key catalyst for private investment. The Urban Park will provide a crucial place of respite and recreation within the urban fabric. To enliven the Park and create a destination for residents and tourists alike, it will include both permanent and temporary public art installations. The initial discussion with AECOM's Senior Project Manager and Public Realm Coordinator identified a number of possibilities throughout the park.



- Division staff met with the Chair of the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) to set the agenda for the March meeting.
- The Public Art Advisory Committee met on March 9, 2017 to review the 2017 projects. The PAAC Resources sub-committee met on March 28, 2017. Minutes of the March meetings are provided in Report 17-022.

Departmental Relocation

The Community Services Department (CSD) Administration, Recreation/ Marina, Arts, Culture & Heritage, Heritage Preservation Office, and Sustainability staff will be moving to new headquarters at Wolfe Street early in May. The new facility will provide the Department with additional space and will alleviate congestion when there are contract workers and summer students. The move is to reduce overcrowding at City Hall. Staff from the Clerk's Office, Legal Department, Utility Services and the Building Division will be taking over the space currently occupied by CSD staff.

A committee consisting of the Director, Community Services and the three CSD Managers located at City Hall has been established to coordinate the move. Staff have been looking at surplus furniture from across the corporation in order to furnish Wolf Street. Much of it has already been moved to the rear storage area at Wolfe Street. As we will be moving into the space currently occupied by Peterborough Economic Development, the timing of the move is contingent on their move out of Wolfe Street. Once the move has been completed all ACHAC, Sub-committee, and working group meetings that currently take place at City Hall will be held at Wolfe Street.

Integrated Approaches to Economic Development: Leaders Forum for Small and Medium Municipalities

Department and Division staff spoke at this conference. The sessions include:

- Leveraging Local Assets to Grow Your Cultural Economy;
- Financial Tools for Economic Development; and,
- Making it Work: Integrated Decision-Making for Economic Development.

King George School

Staff attended a meeting with Dean MacDonald from the Public School Board Office. The purpose of this meeting was to tour three schools being, King George Public School, Armour Heights Public School and PCVS. Affordable Housing, Building Department and Planning reviewed the buildings for possible adaptive reuse.

Cultural Competence

Staff met with the Director, Corporate Services to review a presentation to the Directors on establishing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Immigration Portfolio

Peterborough Immigration Partnership Coordinating Committee (PIP)

Staff continues participating on the PIP Coordinating Committee and its working groups. The Coordinating Committee oversees the implementation of the PIP 5-year work plan. PIP held its annual meeting at Market Hall on March 28, 2017.

Staff and other members of PIP's Coordinating Committee met with the U.S. Consul General to review the welcome and integration of Syrian refugees.

Refugee Resettlement Task Force (RRTF)

The Refugee Resettlement Task Force met on March 29, 2017 to receive the following:

- An Update on Families and Support Groups
- RAP Service Delivery Changes Update

- IRCC Update on funding extension for RAP in Peterborough
- Updates from members

Staff is participating in one of the Task Force's sub-committees on Cultural Competence.

Welcome Peterborough MIIO Web Site

The end date for the project has been extended from the end of April to the end of May 2017. The design work has taken longer than originally planned, and project staff wanted to ensure that there will be time to gather survey responses before submitting the final report to the Ministry.

Other

Staff participated in meetings for:

- CSD Senior Managers meeting.
- Monthly meeting with CSD Director.
- Quarterly meeting with the Director and Board of the Art Gallery.
- The Art Gallery of Peterborough's March Board meeting.
- ACH Division managers.
- New Canadians Centre Board Meeting.
- New Canadians Centre's Policy Committee

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