



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: June 8, 2017

Subject: Report ACHAC17-034
Heritage Presentation

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) of a presentation on the value and process of heritage preservation in Peterborough.

Recommendation

That the ACHAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC17-034, dated June 8, 2017 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That a presentation from the Heritage Resources Coordinator, on the value and process of heritage preservation in Peterborough, be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

At the May 29, 2017 meeting of the Committee of the Whole, a presentation was received for information regarding the importance of heritage in Peterborough. It addressed the value and process of heritage preservation in Peterborough.

City staff anticipates that pressure to redevelop Peterborough's historic downtown will increase significantly over the next several years as a result of the intensification targets in the Province's Places to Grow plan and the current housing boom in anticipation of the 407 connection with 115. The debate to preserve, balance, or develop will also intensify. Under Places to Grow 40% of all residential growth must be within the built-up area and a significant portion of that should be within the Downtown.

The Official Plan update will seek to promote residential intensification of the Downtown which is critical to revitalization. This strategy will require a balanced approach to heritage preservation and redevelopment opportunities including demolition of certain buildings. Failing to encourage reinvestment and a balanced approach will prevent intensification from happening and lead to a gradual decline of the Downtown. The register allows for identification of key properties so that these opportunities can be realized.

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