



City of Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)

FROM: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2010

SUBJECT: Report ACHAC10-009
Municipal Cultural Planning Update

PURPOSE

A report to provide the Committee with an update on the City's cultural planning activities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC10-009 dated February 11, 2010 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator as follows:

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division report on municipal cultural planning be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

BACKGROUND

The City's application to the Creative Communities' Prosperity Fund in support of its municipal cultural planning project was favourably received by the Ministry of Culture.

The Ministry must make the funding announcement by the end of their fiscal year (March 31, 2010).

AMANDA – Division staff have been working with Peterborough Technology Services (PTS) to integrate cultural data into AMANDA. AMANDA is database software used by other City departments to keep track of information regarding people, buildings, businesses, etc. Records of individual people can be linked to records for properties and businesses. For example, an individual could be linked to a building that they own, another building in which they are a tenant, another building that they were contracted to work on, and a business that they own. We hope to be able to link local artists and cultural workers to the organizations/businesses that they are connected to in the same fashion.

Cultural Mapping Workshop – The Heritage Resources Coordinator and the Municipal Cultural Planning Researcher have been invited to be part of panel on cultural mapping at a Creative City Network workshop in Toronto on March 2nd and 3rd. This invitation is an acknowledgement of the progress that Peterborough has made with cultural planning. Sharing knowledge and ideas with other municipalities remains a priority for Division staff.

Peterborough Social Planning Council – The Peterborough Social Planning Council (PSPC) is updating their Quality of Life Report. This report takes into account the presence of cultural assets, and recognizes the important role that cultural plays in determining quality of life. Division staff will provide updated data for PSPC throughout the cultural mapping project, and look forward to seeing the results of the Quality of Life Report.

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