



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**TO:** Members of Arts Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Becky Rogers, Manager, Arts Culture & Heritage Division

**MEETING DATE:** May 13, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Report ACHAC10-016  
Culture Days

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to recommend that the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee request that the Mayor proclaim the last weekend in September 2010, and in subsequent years, as “Culture Days” to recognize the arts, culture and heritage activities that take place annually.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Arts Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC10-016 dated May 13, 2010, of the Manager, Arts Culture & Heritage Division as follows:

That the Arts Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee request that the Mayor proclaim the last weekend in September 2010, and in subsequent years, as “Culture Days” to recognize the arts, culture & heritage activities that take place annually.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no additional budget or financial implications resulting from this report. The Municipality funds Artsweek on an annual basis through the Arts, Culture and Heritage Budget, Doors Open receives funding through PACAC, the Art Gallery of Peterborough

provides support to the Autumn Studio Tour through its budget. The additional events that take place during that time period are funded by external organizations.

## BACKGROUND

*Culture Days* is an initiative of the Department of Canadian Heritage. It is a national campaign and event that is open to all communities and all individuals who believe in making the public aware of the importance of the arts and culture to their lives. *Culture Days* includes the last weekend of September (September 24 - 26 in 2010).

The last weekend of each September, individuals, groups and municipalities across Canada are invited to provide free opportunities for the public to experience and participate in cultural activities. The events can include open houses and demonstrations.

Several local fall events that take place during the last weekend in September, including Doors Open Peterborough, the Autumn Studio Tour, and Artsweek, have agreed to cross-promote their events in 2010. Doors Open and the Studio Tour will both take place on the weekend at the end of Artsweek, which is the weekend of Culture Days.

## SUMMARY

Proclaiming *Culture Days* is a fitting way to recognize and celebrate the activities that already take place within the city. It is also a means to help the community to recognize and appreciate:

- events that have been taking place within the community for many years;
- the contribution of arts, culture, and heritage to our quality of life;
- the many opportunities for participating in cultural activity in communities throughout the municipality;
- the economic impact of arts, culture, and heritage in Peterborough;
- the culturally diverse and Aboriginal communities, artists, and cultural workers that make Peterborough unique
- the personal rewards that come from discovering their own creativity.

Submitted by,

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