

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

(ACHAC)

FROM: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

MEETING DATE: February 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Report ACHAC11-006

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 ACHAC11-006 dated February 10, 2011 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

Approval of the recommendation in Report ACHAC11-006 will not have any budgetary or financial implications.

BACKGROUND

Staff Workshop – A workshop was held on January 21, 2011 with approximately thirty City staff representing all municipal departments. The discussion focussed on refining the overarching principles for the MCP, as well as the strategic directions and key actions. The consultants have created these from the input received at the public visioning forum and open house held on November 29, 2010. The Project Team was very pleased with the strong representation from each department.

Budget Changes – The Project Team has been very impressed with the high turn out at public events, as well as the high level of interest that City staff have shown in the cultural planning project. As a result, several changes to the project have been made to insure that there is sufficient consultation with all stakeholders. The consultants have agreed to additional meetings, interviews, focus groups, and presentations to Council. The extra work can be accommodated within the capital budget for MCP, and Council has approved the changes.

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