



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory

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

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Report ACHAC12-012
2012 Culture Days

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee on the Culture Days in 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC12-012 dated May 10, 2012, of the Manager, Arts, Culture & Heritage Division as follows:

That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee receive for information the report on Culture Days in 2012.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

BACKGROUND

Culture Days

Culture Days is a nation-wide event that is open to all communities and individuals who believe in making the public aware of the importance of the arts and culture to their lives. Culture Days take place during the last weekend of September (September 28 - 30 in 2012). During Culture Days, 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, tours, workshops, demonstrations, etc.

Once again, local fall events are scheduled to take place during the last weekend in September including the Art Gallery Peterborough's Autumn Studio Tour. In previous years, City participation in Culture Days has been coordinated by the Municipal Cultural Plan Researcher. As that position no longer exists, no individual has taken on the responsibility for this coordinating role. In 2011, Showplace Performance Centre hosted a meeting of representatives from local cultural organizations to begin planning for Culture Days events in the Peterborough area. There remains an opportunity for another organization within the community to take on this role in 2012.

The Community Social Plan Coordinator, a joint City/County position, is scheduling a Culture Days Information Session for the County of Peterborough.

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