



City of
Peterborough

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

FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Report ACHAC13-020
Significant Anniversaries as Potential Special Events

PURPOSE

A report to present information on up-coming significant anniversaries as potential special events.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approves the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC13-020 dated September 12, 2013 of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the report be received for information and discussion purposes.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct budget or financial implication in receiving this report.

BACKGROUND

Several noteworthy anniversaries are coming up over the next few years that could warrant City involvement and support. The level of corporate support could range from identification and acknowledgement, in-kind support, direct funding through the existing grants program, partnership, to City-led special event(s).

Two significant anniversaries occur in 2014: the 100th Anniversary of the start of World War One; and the 50th Anniversary of Trent University. It is recommended that the City encourage and participate in local celebrations relating to both these significant events.

The next year, 2015, marks the 400th anniversary of Samuel Champlain's expedition through the Peterborough area. His exploration of New France that year led him up the Ottawa River, west to Lake Nipissing, and down the French River to Georgian Bay/ Lake Huron. After exploring the Huronia area, Champlain and his party paddled down through what would become the Trent Severn Waterway, over the ancient portage between Chemong Lake and the Otonabee River near Little Lake, and south down to Lake Ontario.

Communities along the Trent Severn Waterway, like Midland and Penetanguishene are already planning a series of events. Potential partners in the Peterborough area could include: Peterborough County, Canadian Canoe Museum, Parks Canada/ Trent Severn Waterway, Peterborough Historical Society, Arbor Theatre, 4th Line Theatre, Peterborough and the Kawarthas Tourism, and the Hiawatha and Curve Lake First Nations.

It is proposed that the City provide a local coordinating role, and perhaps a funding contribution as leverage and incentive, to encourage communities along the waterway and throughout the region to celebrate this significant anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

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