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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)

**From:** Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

**Meeting Date:** June 19, 2014

**Subject:** Report ACHAC14-027  
Heritage Preservation Office Activity Report

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## **Purpose**

A report to advise the ACHAC on the monthly activities of the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) for May, 2014.

## **Recommendation**

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC14-027, dated June 19, 2014 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the report with respect to the monthly activities of the Heritage Preservation Office for May, 2014 be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## Background

**Doors Open 2014** – Doors Open Peterborough was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Volunteers recorded more than 2,200 site visits. The attached report (Appendix A) provides an overall summary of the event.

**Heritage Hunt 2014** – The 2014 Heritage Hunt was well received by the public. More than 25 contest submissions were made to the Heritage Preservation Office. An article containing the names of the winners was published in *Peterborough This Week* on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Prizes were presented to the winners on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Martha Kidd Commemoration** – PACAC has undertaken the creation of a book of essays documenting the heritage movement in Peterborough in honour of Martha Kidd. A “Call for Abstracts” will be distributed to relevant groups or individuals who might have an interest in contributing an essay on a specific aspect of the heritage movement in Peterborough. The committee will retain an editor for the project.

**Hiawatha First Nation** - Staff from the City met with the Chief Greg Cowie of Hiawatha First Nation and the Cultural Liaison Officer, Lori Ritter to discuss a range of issues including the City’s Archaeological Policy. Chief Cowie expressed a desire to have a strong working relationship with the City and a high level of input regarding archaeological investigation and resource management.

**Heritage Planners Roundtable** - The Heritage Resources Coordinator attended the semi-annual Heritage Planners Roundtable hosted by the City of Vaughan on May 15, 2014. The topic of discussion was the administration of Heritage Conservation Districts.

**Data Literacy Workshop** - Staff from the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division along with other City and County staff attended a workshop on data literacy and ‘open data’ access presented by the Urban Institute on May 13, 2014. The workshop focussed on the challenges and opportunities inherent in making a wide variety of municipally collected information freely available to the public.

**Commemorative Scrolls** - The Cenotaph Advisory Committee met on May 21, 2014 to review a number of agenda items including a viewing of the new commemorative scroll that honours local veterans who have died on active duty since the end of the Korean War. The Scroll is due to be unveiled on November 11, 2014.

**Gateway Project** - City staff are undertaking the design and planning of a major ‘gateway’ feature at the south entrance to the City at Crawford Drive. The project will create an attractive entrance to the City and provide some way finding to the Visitor Centre and the Downtown. ACH staff are investigating the potential for a public art component to the project.

**Space needs for Arts, Culture and Heritage** – The Heritage Resources Coordinator met with staff from the Electric City Culture Council (EC3) to discuss a workshop to bring arts, culture and heritage workers and organizations together with various places of faith that have redundant space available. The workshop is being planned for the fall.

**Bethune Street Reconstruction-** Staff met on May 30, 2014 to review the status of the Jackson Creek Flood Diversion Project. An RFP is being prepared for detailed design of the diversion sewer which will include detailed engineering drawings for the street reconstruction as well as an extensive set of conceptual plans for streetscape alternatives.

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