



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: February 26, 2015

Subject: Report ACHAC15-008
Heritage Preservation Office Report

Purpose

A report to advise the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) on the monthly activities of the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) for January 2015.

Recommendation

That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC15-008, dated February 26, 2015 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the report with respect to the activities of the Heritage Preservation Office for the month of January 2015 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Doors Open 2015 – Doors Open Peterborough will be held at Trent University in 2015 to coincide with the University's 50th Anniversary celebrations. Planning is underway with a committee made up of Trent University and Doors Open committee representatives. All sites have been secured and a potential theme of "Choose Your Adventure at Trent" is being explored. The committee is currently meeting every three weeks, with a number of sub-committees working on the various details. The committee is planning a media kick off in April, details to be announced soon.

Martha Kidd Commemoration – Michael Eamon will be approaching individuals identified by the PACAC sub-committee about contributing a chapter to the proposed publication. Because of his schedule at the university, it will be April before Dr. Eamon can focus on the project. If there is sufficient interest on the part of authors, the book would be scheduled for release in the spring of 2016.

Peterborough Museum and Archives – The PMA is scheduled to officially reopen on February 12th, 2015. There will be an open house on May 24th and the ACHAC is invited to attend on that date.

Heritage Register – A public consultation meeting was held on December 4th, 2014 to provide general information on the Heritage Register. The turnout was low and a second open house will be scheduled for March of this year. Owners of properties identified for listing will be directly invited to this meeting. Based on the feedback from the public at the March meeting, staff will prepare a report for Council for the April Committee of the Whole.

Heritage Conservation District – A public meeting was held on January 15th, 2015 at which the consultants presented their research on the history of the Avenues neighbourhood and made preliminary recommendations about boundaries for the area. They will be providing the steering committee with a draft document for review and comment by late February. When the steering committee comments have been incorporated, the consultants will be providing the draft to the public once more before the staff report recommending adoption goes to the PACAC and then to Council.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church – Staff met with the Board of St. Paul's on January 23, 2015 to discuss the future use of the building. The church has requested proposals from consultants to conduct a feasibility study for the reuse of the church as the congregation's needs are changing. The proposals will be reviewed and a consultant will complete the study by July of this year.

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