



City of
Peterborough

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

From: Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

Meeting Date: June 11, 2015

Subject: Report ACHAC15-024
Heritage Preservation Office Report

Purpose

A report to advise the ACHAC on the monthly activities of the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) for May 2015.

Recommendation

That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC15-024, dated June 11, 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 May 2015 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Heritage Conservation District

The Draft Study for the Avenues and Neighbourhood was received by Committee of the Whole on June 1, 2015. Staff's recommendations were approved and the Study will be adopted at Council on June 8, 2015. The plan phase of the process will commence mid-June with a completion date set for December, 2015.

Stop Gap Program

Staff have been asked to consider supporting a program to create small temporary ramps that provide access for people with mobility issues to stores in the downtown with steps to the main entrance. There are concerns with the concept that staff from several departments need to consider, but the issue highlights the need for municipalities to consider how the implementation of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* will impact heritage properties.

Budget

The 2016 budget process has begun. Staff have been directed to hold increases to the cost of living increase (2%) with no new staff requests. Staff will recommend that PACAC's budget be \$15,800.

Public Art Project

The City is considering a public art project in James Stevenson Park under the Hunter Street Bridge. There has been a growing problem with graffiti on some of the lower bridge arches within the park and studies have shown that the presence of graffiti art projects tend to deter unauthorized tagging. Artspace will be leading the proposed project as a juried art installation with a national artists call. The project is proposed to become an annually renewed installation. Two arches would be used with a new painting being completed in alternate arches each year.

Affordable Housing

Several years ago the City created an Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan with the goal of supporting the creation of 500 new units in the next ten years. Several projects are underway including the adaptive re-use of Knox United Church, the old south end fire hall and the Mount Community Centre. In addition there is a proposal to construct a new row house at 135 Rubidge St. The original structure was destroyed by an arsonist in 2008.

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