



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**TO:** Members of the Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** December 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Report CSACH08-014  
Impact of Federal Funding Cuts on the Peterborough Museum  
& Archives

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to recommend that Council receive information on past federal funding to the Peterborough Museum & Archives and on the potential effects of recent funding cuts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSACH08-014 dated December 8, 2008, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the report be received for information.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget and financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

## BACKGROUND

The Peterborough Museum & Archives has a history of successful financial support from the federal level, accessed through the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) and the Canadian Arts and Heritage Sustainability Program (CAHSP), Department of Canadian Heritage. The funds enabled the Museum to complete unique special projects that contributed to its national profile, to its viability in a highly competitive tourism market, and to the heritage profession.

Examples of MAP support include:

2005	\$39,800	Flood Recovery Project, including the installation of a walk-in freezer to preserve the Roy and Parks film negatives
2004	\$31,800	Textile Collection Re-housing Project, including the installation of compact shelving
2004	\$51,800	"Voices of the Town: Vaudeville in Canada", the Museum's traveling national exhibition featuring photos from the Balsillie Collection of Roy Studio Images (Phase 2)
2003	\$52,700	Peterborough Museum & Archives Expansion Feasibility Study
2002	\$62,670	"Voices of the Town: Vaudeville in Canada", the Museum's traveling national exhibition featuring photos from the Balsillie Collection of Roy Studio Images (Phase 1)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$238,770</b>

Examples of CAHSP support include:

2007	\$28,600	Re-Branding Initiative for the Peterborough Museum & Archives
2006	\$51,500	Marketing Feasibility Study for the Balsillie Collection of Roy Studio Images
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$81,100</b>

The current federal government has recently modified both programs:

- 1) \$4.6 million (of an original total of \$9 M) was cut from the Museums Assistance Program (MAP); MAP is a program solely dedicated to Canadian museums.

- 2) Complete elimination of the Canadian Arts and Heritage Sustainability Program (CAHSP), designed to help arts and heritage organizations strengthen their financial footing. This was also the only program available for major capital construction projects in the cultural sector. These cuts were part of a broader budget cut at the Department of Canadian Heritage amounting to over \$40 million annually.

The decrease in federal support will directly impact the scope of special projects initiated by community museums such as the Peterborough Museum & Archives by making the accessibility of the remaining funds increasingly competitive.

## **SUMMARY**

Access to federal project funding over the past decade has enabled the PMA to undertake significant projects, which often garnered national attention. Recent cuts to museum funding programs of the Department of Canadian Heritage will directly impact the resources available to the Peterborough Museum & Archives.

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