

Memo

To: Members of Council

From: William Bateman, Chair, Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee

Date: February 5, 2018

Subject: Federal Action on the Conservation of Heritage Properties

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

THAT the memo from William Bateman dated February 5, 2018 regarding Federal Action on the Conservation of Heritage Properties, be received.

BACKGROUND

The Economic Development Officer – Arts, Culture and Heritage received correspondence from Community Heritage Ontario in January, addressed to the Municipal Heritage Committee. Community Heritage Ontario is asking all municipal heritage committees and Municipal Councils to write to the federal Minister of the Environment, with copies to the Minister of Finance and their member of federal parliament, urging them to support the recommendations of the federal House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development that facilitate heritage preservation.

This memo provides City Council with a copy of the Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee's letter that has been prepared in response to this correspondence and requests that Council provide a letter of endorsement of the Municipal Heritage Committee's position.

RATIONALE

The Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee has considered the request from Community Heritage Ontario and considers that it is worthy of support. It is therefore submitted that the preparation and dispatch of a letter of support from both the Committee and from Council is appropriate in an effort to support the initiatives that are specified in the correspondence. As requested in the correspondence, such letter would be sent to The Honourable Minister of Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Minister of Finance and Jamie Schmale MP.

The correspondence requests that letters of support be forwarded to the appropriate recipients for receipt no later than February 28, 2018.

