

KAWARTHA LAKES ARTS COUNCIL DEPUTATION - March 19, 2019

RECOMMENDATION TO CKL COUNCIL: NEW CULTURAL CENTRE STUDY FOR CKL

BACKGROUND:

- The recommendations made by the previous Cultural Task Force (approved by Council June 2017), have been implemented
- Master Cultural and Heritage Plans are being updated by Economic Development staff
- There is currently no structure in place for the Arts community as a whole to communicate effectively with CKL council, or for CKL Council to deal with the specific needs of this important sector of our community
- In 2017, Kawartha Lakes Arts Council (KLAC) received a gift of \$50,000 to seed fund a feasibility study to assess the need for a new cultural centre, or cultural hubs, in the City of Kawartha Lakes
- CKL has earmarked \$2M in its 10 year Financial Plan for a Cultural Centre/cultural hubs
- Now is the time to partner with the City to undertake the feasibility study
- Cultural Centre Committee Terms of Reference (attached)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Cultural Centre Committee, representing the Kawartha Lakes Arts Council and Kawartha Lakes Heritage Network recommend that:

Council strike a Task Force comprised of Councillors, City Staff, KLAC and Heritage Network Board members and other interested community members to project costs and prepare an RFP for a Cultural Centre Feasibility Study and provide budget recommendations for the Feasibility Study and the Arts, Culture and Heritage 2020 budget.

Specifically this will include:

1. Review the consultation and research findings for the Cultural Master Plan Update
2. Review cost projections and develop a budget to hire a consultant for the cultural Centre Feasibility Study
3. Develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a feasibility study to be conducted by an independent qualified consultant
4. Dialogue and bring budget recommendations for Arts, Culture and Heritage, in consideration of the Updated Cultural Master Plan, for inclusion in the 2020 budget.
5. That the Task Force consider the issue of future oversight of this project, should the CKL 2020 budget includes additional funds for the study, and trigger the RFP next February.

Expected Term – April to November