



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2023-077
Meeting Date: November 9, 2023
Title: Cultural Centre Presentation
Description: Presentation from staff on the ongoing Cultural Centre project
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Recommendations:

That Report KLMHC2023-077, **Cultural Centre Presentation** be received;

That the presentation from staff be received for information.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

Since 2015, the City has been investigating the potential to plan and build a cultural centre or centres in Kawartha Lakes to support the arts, culture and heritage sectors in the community. In 2019, funding was allocated to undertake a Cultural Centre Feasibility Study to test the viability of the project and make recommendations regarding location, facility requirements, budget, and other operational requirements. A Council-appointed taskforce was struck to act as a steering committee for the project along with municipal staff and a consultant, Nordicity in partnership with Giaimo, was hired to complete the feasibility study. This study was completed and presented to Council in June 2022. It found that the construction of a cultural centre in Kawartha Lakes was viable and recommended that further study be undertaken to finalize the location, building envelope and operational model of the new facility. A new taskforce was struck in August 2023 to help steer this phase of study.

The lead on this project is the Economic Development Officer – Arts and Culture who will provide a presentation to the Committee on the cultural centre project outlining its current status and next steps.

Rationale:

The presentation is being provided to the Committee for information. The development of a cultural centre is outside of the Committee's mandate but staff felt that a presentation would be of interest to the Committee as it is an important step for the growth of the cultural sector in Kawartha Lakes more broadly.

Other Alternatives Considered:

There are no recommended alternatives.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial or operational impacts as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Consultations:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

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