



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2024-013
Meeting Date: February 1, 2024
Title: 2024 Workshop Planning
Description: Planning for heritage-related workshops in 2024
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Recommendations:

That Report KLMHC2024-013, **2024 Workshop Planning**, be received for information.

Department Head: _____

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Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

Economic Development staff across the various sectors typically hold various workshop for members of the public throughout the year to address various sector specific topics of interest. The heritage planning program has periodically held workshops on different topics to provide useful information to the public. In late 2023, heritage planning staff held two workshops regarding property and genealogy research that were both well-attended and well-received by the participants. Feedback forms gathered at the workshops indicated an interest from the public for more workshops in future. Heritage planning staff also regularly speak and provide educational information at different industry events and workshops with other planning related topics. In the past several years, this has included workshops for the real estate community, for construction and building professionals, for property and insurance appraisers, and at local clubs. Additionally, the heritage planning program has hosted a range of public information sessions related to specific ongoing projects, such as the Heritage Inventory.

The Municipal Heritage Committee has also indicated its interest in expanding its public outreach through workshops. Particularly in light of the recent changes to heritage legislation and policy from the provincial government, the Committee has expressed an interest in better communicating with the public issues surrounding designation and heritage preservation in the community.

At its meeting of January 11, 2024, the Committee discussed potential ideas for workshops for 2024 as well as ideas as to where and when these workshops should take place. Staff committed to bringing these ideas together to identify a selection of workshops that would be feasible to run and draft a rough schedule of events. Based on the available budget, staff estimated that four workshops could be held in 2024, alongside the public meetings associated with specific projects ongoing in 2024.

In addition to collecting the Committee's input, staff have also collated the feedback gathered at the 2023 heritage workshops. At these workshops, staff handed out feedback forms to participants to return looking for information on what might be of interest to participants in future. A summary report has been prepared with this data and is attached to this report as Appendix A.

This report provides a rough draft of a workshop schedule for 2024 including topics and months in which the workshops will be held.

Rationale:

Workshops

Staff have drafted the following schedule for workshops for 2024, including a range of different topics and clustering the events before and after the summer to make it more likely that people will attend.

Designating Your Property: The Committee indicated that they would like a workshop held to discuss how and why the City designates properties and issues and myths surrounding designation to increase local awareness. The Committee also suggested it would be helpful to have other experts who are not City staff to come and discuss the topic. This workshop would feature a presentation by staff about designation at the City and a panel discussion with outside experts. This workshop will be intended for members of the general public but will also be specifically aimed at owners of listed residential properties who may be considering having their properties designated. **Date: May**

Local History Research: A significant number of respondents at the 2023 workshops indicated that they would be interested in participating in a workshop that addressed how to do local history research. This workshop could feature partnerships with local historical societies, museums and archives. **Date: June**

Researching Your Historic Property: This will be a repeat of the workshop held in December 2023 that focussed on resources for researching historic homes. The 2023 version of this workshop was very well received and the Committee suggested that it should be run again for people who were not able to attend. The workshop included speakers from Trent University, the Kawartha Lakes Public Library, and Kawartha Lakes Museum and Archives alongside City staff. **Date: September**

Energy Efficiency in Historic Properties: This is a topic that staff frequently receive inquiries about. This workshop will address ways that property owners can make their historic homes more energy efficient and retain its heritage features, and also answer frequently asked questions regarding topics such as solar panels on houses, windows, and insulation. **Date: October**

Public Meetings

There are also several public meetings anticipated for 2024. These are not included as part of the workshop planning for the year as they are intended as public meetings

regarding specific ongoing City projects. Information on these meetings is being provided for the Committee's general information.

Heritage Inventory: Public meetings have been held each spring or early summer to keep the public informed about the project and to initiate fieldwork in different communities for the summer. Staff have tentatively scheduled the public meeting for this project on June 5.

Archaeological Master Plan: The City's new Archaeological Master Plan will kick off in early 2024 and the project schedule includes an information session for the general public. At present, it is anticipated that this will take place in November or December 2024, but

Market Square Heritage Conservation District: It is anticipated that a public meeting will need to be held in 2024 regarding the Market Square HCD if the initiation of a study is approved by Council. The project is currently in very early stages but it is likely that it will take place in late 2024.

Other Events

Other ongoing events in 2024 will have an impact on when heritage related workshops are scheduled. Some of these have already been scheduled while others are still in early planning stages.

Doors Open: Doors Open will take place in September and staff have tentatively scheduled Doors Open for September 15 to correspond with the Doors Open event taking place in Peterborough on September 14. This date is

Events from Archives, Curatorial Services and Culture Programs: A variety of events related to archives, curatorial services and culture are currently being planned for 2024. Details regarding those events will be shared with the Committee when they are available.

International Plowing Match: The IPM takes place in Lindsay from October 1-5. While not a heritage-related event, these dates will not be ideal for hosting workshops as the IPM is a major event.

Other Alternatives Considered:

There are no recommended alternatives.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

A budget of \$2700 has been outlined above. Of this, \$700 may be used for fixed costs associated with workshops such as room rental and refreshments and up to \$2000 can be used for advertising and promotional materials, such as handouts. More information regarding the budget breakdown can be found in Report KLMHC2024-005.

Consultations:

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Economic Development Officer – Arts and Culture
Manager, Corporate Records and Archives

Attachments:

Appendix A – 2023 Heritage Workshop Feedback Summary



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