

Item:



Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 05, 2018

WARD(S): 1

TITLE: PIERRE BERTON TRIBUTE TASK FORCE – FINDINGS REPORT

FROM:

Todd Coles, City Clerk

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to forward for Council's consideration the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force Findings Report.

Report Highlights

- The Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force is seeking approval of recommendations for the Pierre Berton Heritage Centre.

Recommendations

The City Clerk provides the following recommendation on behalf of the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force:

- 1) That the Findings Report set out in Attachment 1, be received; and
- 2) That the following recommendations from the Findings Report, be approved:
 1. That in ensuring the future operations of the site as a “heritage centre”, that staff allocate funds in the 2019 operating budget towards staff resources and material expenses to assist in the programming and general management of the centre;

2. That the operating model of the site include the off-set of expenses utilizing revenue sources such as rentals, programs, admission charges to events, sponsorship, partnerships and grant opportunities;
3. That Council appoint a “volunteer society” made up of members of the community and Council to help guide and assist in the future programming at the site; and
4. That Terms of Reference be brought forward at a future Council meeting with regards to the “volunteer society” and its operating mandate for review and approval.

Background

In 2015, Council appointed the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force with the following mandate:

1. Recommend an exhibit program at the United Church site, in Kleinburg, consisting of donated artifacts and historical information on the life and contributions of Pierre Berton to Canada and Vaughan.

The appointed members of the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force include the following members:

Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Task Force Chair
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Ward 1
Peter Berton
David Rutherford, Vice Chair
Scott Somerville
Berton Woodward

The Task Force at its' meeting of May 15, 2018, adopted the recommendations in the Findings Report and are being presented at this time.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

The Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force was mandated to bring forward a Findings Report to the June 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact at this time.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

The City Clerk is forwarding the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force's' recommendations of May 15, 2018, for Council's consideration.

Attachments

1. Communication C1 from the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force meeting of May 15, 2018.

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FINDINGS REPORT

THE PIERRE BERTON TRIBUTE TASK FORCE

C1
COMMUNICATION
Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force
- May 15, 2018
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Recommendations

The Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force recommends the following to Council for consideration:

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The information in this report represents the findings of the subject Task Force as it relates to the above mandate.

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The City-owned former Kleinburg United Church site at 10418 Islington Avenue was purchased in 2012 and was renamed by Council the Pierre Berton Heritage Centre.

The building/site is currently being renovated by the Infrastructure Delivery Department as a community-use building. In addition, a permanent exhibit located on the main floor of the building is currently being fabricated that will showcase Canadian history themes and pay tribute to the late Pierre Berton, a Canadian icon and long-time resident of Kleinburg. The exhibit consists of an historic info-rail along the peripheral walls of the main room of the building, exhibit showcases with archival artifacts donated by the Berton family, video screens that showcase short historical vignettes on various themes in Canadian history and the life of Pierre Berton. The exhibit is designed to ensure maximum use of the space and can be activated as a heritage centre or as a small event or community program space.

The Task Force has helped guide the vision and development of the Pierre Berton Heritage Centre exhibit. The consulting firm of Reich + Petch International was hired to design/develop the exhibit and more recently DASD Construction was hired to fabricate and deliver the exhibit.

It is expected that the site be open for public use by September 2018.

Conclusion

The Task Force would like to express to Council, and the Berton family, special thanks for its continued support of this project first conceived 2005. The

Pierre Berton Heritage Centre is a facility that will showcase the life and contribution of the late Pierre Berton to Vaughan and Canada's history and culture. As well as being a great future asset to the Vaughan community.

RENDERINGS -PIERRE BERTON HERITAGE CENTRE



Exterior



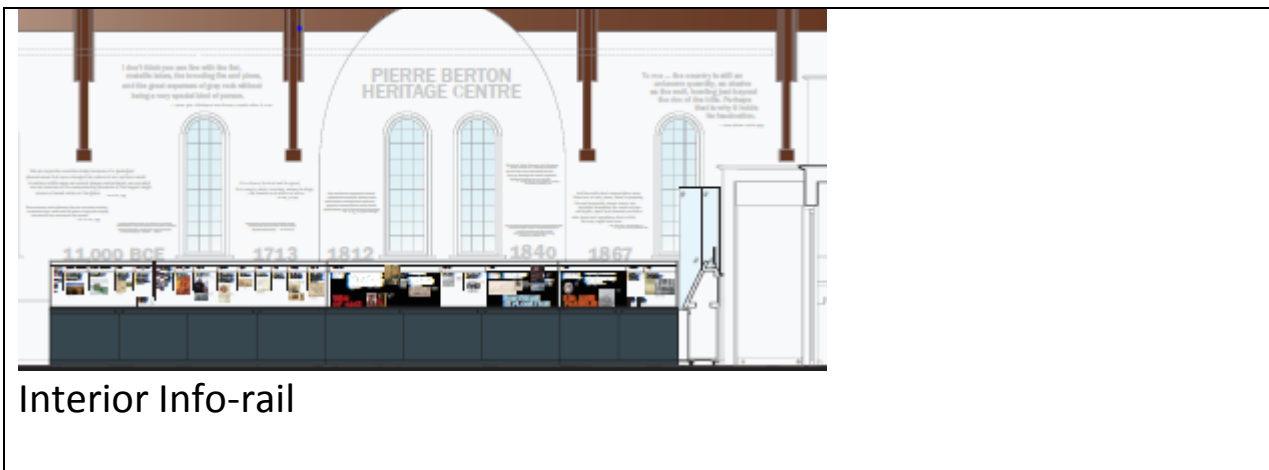
Main Floor in lecture mode



Basement



Main Floor in event mode



Interior Info-rail