



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Connie Goodall
DATE: 13/10/2016
SUBJECT: George Agnew Reid Mural Project (East Wawanosh – Canada 150 Grant Application)

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron provide a letter for the East Wawanosh Canada 150 Grant application indicating permission to erect replicas of George Agnew Reid paintings in three spots in East Wawanosh (sites to be determined upon successfully receiving the grant). Potential sites include, the Belgrave Arena, the Belgrave picnic pavilion and the rest stop on highway 4.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

East Wawanosh 150th Anniversary Committee will be submitting a grant application for their Anniversary Celebrations in 2017. The Canada 150 Fund is funding projects designed to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada, and looks to honour Canadian Artistic Excellence. The committee would like to erect 3 replicas of George Agnew Reid's work in the municipality. A native of East Wawanosh, George Reid is an artist of significant national renown.

DISCUSSION

East Wawanosh is the birth place of George Agnew Reid, a successful genre painter and muralist. He served as the president of both the Ontario Society of Artists and the Royal Canadian Academy of Art and principal of the Ontario College of Art. He produced the murals for the Palaeontology Galleries of the Royal Ontario Museum and Toronto City Hall. The Canada 150 Fund provides an excellent opportunity to recognize the Art of George Reid. Our municipality experiences significant tourist traffic that is generated by Arts and Culture. The Blyth Festival draws thousands to Blyth each summer. Most recently, the R2R conference hosted delegates from across Canada, as well as, international visitors. This month visitors from Hong Kong visited the Alice Munro Garden and spent the day in North Huron and surrounding area. George Agnew Reid is well respected in the art world with many of his paintings housed at the Art Gallery of Ontario, the National Art Gallery and the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If the funding application is successful, the cost of the project will be covered by the Canada 150 Fund. An administration fee is also allowable in the application which would fund a short term contract position to oversee the project and lend some support to the East Wawanosh 150 planning committee.

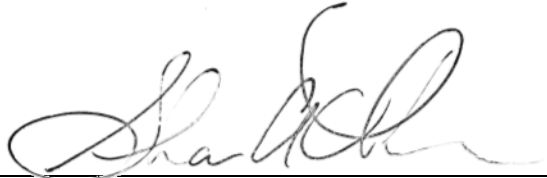
FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

GOAL: Our community is attractive to new business and residents

- Tourism is a driver in Economic Development

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