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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Report PED-COM-19-2018 Sir Frederick Haldimand Portrait Donation For Consideration by Council in Committee on October 30, 2018

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### OBJECTIVE:

To inform Council of the findings related to the proposed donation of a portrait of Sir Frederick Haldimand on behalf of the Port Maitland “On the Grand” Historical Association to Haldimand County.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report PED-COM-19-2018 Sir Frederick Haldimand Portrait Donation be received;
2. AND THAT the offer by Port Maitland “On the Grand” Historical Association to donate a commissioned portrait of Sir Frederick Haldimand to Haldimand County be accepted;
3. AND THAT the donation from the Port Maitland “On the Grand” Historical Association be on a ‘without restriction’ basis;
4. AND THAT costs of framing be allocated to the approved Central Administration Building Capital Budget.

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**Approved:** Donald G. Boyle, Chief Administrative Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the May 15, 2018 Council in Committee meeting, Recommendation 18 directed staff to report back regarding a request made by the Port Maitland “On the Grand” Historical Association for a portrait to be commissioned for the new Central Administration Building.

Following review of the information provided and consultation with Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, staff recommends that Council accept the Port Maitland “On the Grand” Historical Association’s donation of a portrait of Sir Frederick Haldimand to Haldimand County.

### BACKGROUND:

Through correspondence and a subsequent presentation to Council, Bill Warnick, President of the Port Maitland, “On the Grand” Historical Association (PMHA) stated the PMHA’s wish to commission a portrait of Sir Frederick Haldimand and donate the artwork to Haldimand County with the stipulation that the portrait be hung prominently in the new Haldimand County Central Administration Building once built.

Staff reviewed the information presented by the PMHA and has consulted with members of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory regarding this proposed donation. Through correspondence with Paula Whitlow, Curator of the Woodlands Cultural Centre and a conversation with Ethno-historian and Professor Keith Jamieson, no concerns regarding the relevance of the project or recognition of Sir Frederick Haldimand were articulated to County staff.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Prior to the donation of the Sir Frederick Haldimand portrait, staff recommends that a description of the proposed portrait, design illustrations, the portrait's composition (medium), and finished size be provided for review.

This practice is followed by many municipalities through their Public Arts Policies and ensures that considerations as to where the placement in the public domain is best served prior to completing the work. This information is requested in order to determine the portrait's appropriateness to the site context (where it will be located); appropriate, acceptable and respectful content; size of the artwork; permanency/durability of medium and maintenance requirements, if any.

It is recommended that the donated portrait be "unrestricted", meaning the artwork is to be received free and clear of restricting conditions regarding its use and specifically where to locate the artwork in the new Central Administration Building currently under construction. This is a common practice followed by many municipalities and is also noted in Collections Management Policy HM-03 – see Attachment 1.

## **FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

As the PMHA has requested that Haldimand County provide a frame for the finished piece, the pre-commissioning information collected, as noted above, will also assist in the determination of design and material costs for the mount and frame. Framing costs will be contingent upon several factors including but not limited to (1) the medium and size of the portrait; (2) the desired framing material (wood or metal); and (3) the need for glazing (UV glass). Framing would be appropriate to compliment the artwork and be carried out by a professional with costs of approximately \$1,000 - \$1,250. Given the relatively minor cost of framing and the desire for the portrait to be displayed in the new Central Administration Building, funding for this initiative would be allocated to the approved capital budget for the Central Administration Building project. This will be consistent with the purchase of other furnishings and fixtures for the project. Sufficient funding is available to support this new cost.

The donated work will become the property of Haldimand County and would be acquired through the Community Development and Partnerships Division under the terms of the Haldimand Museums policy HM-03 Collections Management (See Attachment 1). Staff have determined that the proposed donation is compliant with the policy.

The value of the portrait, as established by a certified appraiser, will determine the type of insurance required, i.e. if the value of the artwork does not exceed the County's deductible (\$50K) it would not be added to the Property Schedule. If it does, it would. The portrait could also be insured by some type of rider giving a cash value.

The initial installation of the Sir Frederick Haldimand portrait will be within the new Haldimand County Central Administration Building, in a location to be determined as appropriate by the County. Periodically, this artwork may also be displayed in other public County facilities as part of specific exhibitions. Any future conservation or maintenance would be the responsibility of Haldimand Museums with the assistance of Facilities and Parks Operations staff if required. Regularly scheduled monitoring

of the portrait to ensure proper light levels, temperature and humidity levels are maintained in order to preserve the piece for future generations, and will be carried out by Haldimand Museum's staff.

## **STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

The portrait of Sir Frederick Haldimand to be donated by the Port Maitland "On the Grand" Historical Association will promote Haldimand County's history and diversity for generations to come. Staff asked for feedback from both the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory (SN) and Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations (MNC). No objections were received from SN and no comments were provided from MNC.

## **REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: Yes

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. HM-03 Collections Management Policy.