



CITY OF KINGSTON
REPORT TO KINGSTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE
COMMITTEE

Report No.: KMHC-10-002

TO: Chair, Kingston Municipal Heritage Committee
FROM: Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability and Growth
RESOURCE STAFF: Lanie Hurdle, Director, Recreation and Leisure
DATE OF MEETING: 2010-01-11
SUBJECT: Proposed Restoration of Lion at Macdonald Park

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

City staff was recently approached by the Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston who is interested in partnering with the City of Kingston to restore the Lion at Macdonald Park. This restoration would mark the 100th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Kingston. The Ukrainian Canadian Club has offered to cover the cost of restoration and the City would cover the cost to replace the concrete slab on which the Lion is currently located. The Ukrainian Canadian Club is also proposing to add a trilingual (English, French and Ukrainian) plaque next to the Lion which would identify the original meaning/purpose, year of donation and the year of restoration of the Lion. Restoration would occur during the winter/spring of 2010 and unveiling ceremony would occur in June 2010. MST Bronze Limited would be the company performing the restoration work.

The Lion is designated as a heritage property under By-Law No. 2007-67, a By-Law to designate the Newlands Pavilion in Macdonald Park as being of architectural value or interest under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act. An Application for Alteration under the *Ontario Heritage Act* will be submitted to the Kingston Municipal Heritage Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Heritage Committee recommends that Council direct staff to enter into an agreement with the Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston for the restoration of the Lion at Macdonald Park to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute such agreement.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth Group
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Beach, <i>Sustainability & Growth</i>	✓
Commissioner Thurston, <i>Community Development Services</i>	N/R
Commissioner Leger, <i>Corporate Services</i>	N/R
Jim Keech, President, <i>Utilities Kingston</i>	N/R

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OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

In November 2009, City staff was approached by the Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston to establish a partnership to restore the Lion located in Macdonald Park. Through this partnership, the Ukrainian Canadian Club is proposing to cover the cost of restoration of the Lion and the installation of a trilingual plaque and the City would cover the cost of replacing the concrete pad on which the Lion is currently located.

The Lion was presented to the City of Kingston in 1909 by the son of Captain John Gaskin (a former mayor of Kingston). It originally stood in front of Gaskin's house which was located on the South East corner of Ontario and Princess Street. Background information on the Lion is attached in Exhibit D of this report.

The Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston is proposing to cover the fee of MST Bronze Limited which has been a member of the Canadian Association for Conservation of Cultural Properties for ten years and as a member, abides by the "Code of Ethics and Guidance for Practice". MST Bronze Limited is also a member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals. Exhibit C of this report provides information on MST Bronze Limited and some of the projects completed by the company.

Heritage and Cultural Significance

Macdonald Park is a designated property under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and as defined in City to Kingston By-law No. 2007-67. The Lion is identified as a character defining element of the property. The proposed work will only restore the Lion and not otherwise alter the bronze statue or its setting. The only proposed alteration is the addition of a plaque identifying the dates of donation and restoration. Staff will be presenting an application for Alteration under the *Ontario Heritage Act* to the February meeting of the Kingston Heritage Committee Meeting.

According to the Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston, most Ukrainians in Kingston (and in Canada) came from western Ukraine, and the City of Lviv (Lemberg, Lwov) which is identified with a lion (it is part of that city's official emblem). In Kingston, the Ukrainian community has had 40 years of annual Ukrainian "Lviv" pavilion activities during the Folklore weekend so the connection with the symbol is historic and strong locally. Finally, many Ukrainians met or had picnics and other social events in Macdonald Park, around the lion.

The Ukrainian Community has been informed of the Lion's ownership and background. Information has also been provided in regards to the Lion's significance as it relates to the British Empire. The Ukrainian community does not have any concerns with the background information and with the possibility of including the Lion's original connection on the dedication plaque.

Recreation and Leisure staff believe that this partnership to restore the Lion will contribute to the improvement of Macdonald Park/Richardson Beach which is one of the capital projects scheduled for 2010. This proposed work would complement work being conducted by the City. Staff also believe that this is a positive partnership that will help promote Kingston's cultural diversity.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

By-law No. 2007-67 "A By-law to Amend By-law No. 80-100 'A By-law to Designate the Newlands Pavillion in Macdonald Park as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest under the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.)

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

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George Wallace, Director, Planning & Development

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Exhibit A – Letter from the Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston

Exhibit B – Proposal from MST Bronze

Exhibit C – Background information on MST Bronze

Exhibit D – Background information on Lion at Macdonald Park