

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2018
FROM:	ROSANNA WILCOX DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC INNOVATION
SUBJECT:	SOURCE OF FINANCING FOR THE SIMCOE SCHOOL WWI MEMORIAL RESTORATION

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Community and Economic Innovation, the financing for the Simcoe School WWI Memorial Restoration Project **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Sources of Financing Report attached as Appendix "A".

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- There are no previous reports pertinent to this matter.
- January 11, 2017 - An information presentation was given to the London Advisory Committee for Heritage (LACH) on behalf of the Culture Office about the research conducted by Rachel Pennington of the London Heritage Council.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

This report is submitted to seek Council approval of the Sources of Financing of the Simcoe School WWI Memorial Restoration Project from the Culture Office's Public Art/Monument Acquisition Reserve Fund.

Context

The Simcoe School WWI Memorial, located in the SoHo neighbourhood of London, at 241 Simcoe St., commemorates former students of Simcoe School (also known as Governor Simcoe School) who died while serving for the Canadian Armed Forces in WWI. The Memorial was originally located in front of the school across the street, but when the school was demolished in 1976, it was moved across the street to its present location on Simcoe St.

The Culture Office, together with its community partner the London Heritage Council, conducted extensive research and community consultation in 2016 about the Simcoe School WWI Memorial, its City ownership, condition, and potential future locations, noting that many Londoners felt that the memorial had been forgotten and was not being maintained in its current location. The Culture Office held a public meeting at Goodwill Industries on January 19, 2017 to hear from the public about whether or not they believed that the Memorial should remain in the SoHo community. The London Advisory Committee for Heritage (LACH) was also consulted at their meeting held on January 11, 2017. Afterwards the City of London Site Selection Team (as per the City's Public Art/Monument Policy/Program) reviewed the public input about various potential alternative locations and determined that the Memorial should stay in the SoHo area and be situated back across the street where the Simcoe School originally stood as a respected permanent placement.

The Culture Office, working with the City's Facilities Division, has had the Memorial assessed by our Public Art/Monument Conservator, *Conservation of Sculptures, Monuments and Objects (CSMO)*. The CSMO has advised the Culture Office that *"if the monument is not moved to a more secure foundation, it will continue to shift. This creates concern not only for the structure itself, but also for the public as the instability poses a safety concern"*.

The SoHo Community Association heard a presentation about the proposed design from Lisa McNiven, Landscape Architect of Parks Planning and Open Space Design at their monthly meeting in May 2018. The new location is on public land and the proposed design, which uses the existing plantings, has been reviewed and agreed to by Goodwill Industries, the adjacent property owner. The SoHo Community Association has provided a Letter of Support for the relocation of the Memorial to this location attached as Appendix "B". They would like to have the Memorial moved to its new location in time for the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of WWI taking place on November 11, 2018.

Financial Implications

The CSMO 2018 Conservation Treatment Proposal for the Simcoe School WWI Memorial Restoration Project, attached as Appendix "C", outlines the Monument Conservator fee for the conservation treatment of the Memorial, which includes relocation to the new site. The breakdown of the proposed budget based on this proposal is as follows:

Conservator Fee	\$18,700.00 + HST
Contingency	\$ 1,500.00
Site restoration for existing location	\$ 1,500.00
Road closure	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Move Total	\$25,000.00

The Parkette Design (which includes the creation of concrete pads, banding and walkway, bench and general site work) is estimated at - \$17,000

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The overall proposed budget is	\$42,000.00

The financing of the Simcoe School WWI Memorial Restoration Project can be accommodated within the Public Art/Monument Acquisition Reserve Fund, as set out in the Sources of Financing Report attached as Appendix "A".

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
ROBIN ARMISTEAD MANAGER OF CULTURE	ROSANNA WILCOX DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC INNOVATION

- c: Angela Lukach, President SoHo Community Association
- Bart Talkowski, Project Manager, Construction Goodwill Industries, Ontario Great Lakes
- Garrett Rodman, Acting Executive Director, London Heritage Council
- Daryl Diegel, Supervisor, Facilities Design and Construction
- Jeff Bruin, Manager, Planning Services, Parks and Open Space Design
- Lisa McNiven, Landscape Architect, Parks and Open Space Design