

Subject: Beautification Options for the Pelham Arches Concrete Bases

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2024-0214 Beautification Options for the Pelham Arches Concrete Bases, for information;

AND THAT Council direct staff to propose a budget adequate for the purpose of beautifying the Pelham Arches concrete bases as recommended by the Pelham Culture Advisory Committee;

AND THAT \$44,000 be transferred from the capital project RD 12-24 Church Street Culvert Replacement to fund the Pelham Arches Concrete Bases.

Background:

In December 2021, Council approved construction of the Rotary/Pelham Summerfest Arches. The Rotary Club of Fonthill worked collaboratively with the Summerfest Committee whose efforts, along with donations from the community and a grant received from the Federal Legacy Fund led to the rebuilding of the fallen Arches. On September 23, 2023, the Rotary Club of Fonthill formally donated the Arches to the Town of Pelham in accordance with Policy No. S400-11.

At its regular meeting on May 1, 2024, Council received a memo authored by the Pelham Culture Advisory Committee expressing an interest in enhancing the visual appearance of the Arches' unfinished concrete bases. In response, Council endorsed the following recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Memo: Pelham Culture Advisory Committee Request re: Staff Report on Beautification Options for Pelham Arches Concrete Bases, for information;

AND THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report exploring the feasibility and potential beautification options for the Pelham Arches concrete bases.

This report serves to provide Council with the options presented to the Pelham Culture Advisory Committee on September 11, 2024, as well as the Committee's preferred option and the associated costs.

Analysis:

On September 11, 2024, the Director of Public Works attended a meeting of the Pelham Culture Advisory Committee to present options to beautify the Pelham Arches concrete foundations.

Several options were presented including facing the arches with a stone veneer, a brick veneer, or a polished concrete finish. The stone and brick finishes presented were chosen from other prominent Pelham buildings and municipally owned facilities to ensure their fit within the community. Options for the replacement of the donor recognition signage included acrylic panels and inset carved stone or cast metal plaques with a bronze finish. The proposal presented, including a visual representation and associated cost of the options, has been provided as an attachment to this report.

The Pelham Culture Advisory Committee discussed the options and approved the following motion:

THAT the Committee recommends Town staff to investigate a concept that would include stone veneer finish for the four outside concrete foundations, the use of the interior foundations for public art and the use of pavers for funder recognition.

Staff estimate the cost of installing a limestone stone cap on all 8 bases and a stone veneer on the 4 outside concrete bases is approximately \$26,000. The cost of providing individual stone pavers, installed along the boulevard, to acknowledge the donors, is estimated at \$14,000, not including installation. The total cost of the concept recommended by the Pelham Culture Advisory Committee is estimated to be \$44,000. This does not include the cost of the public art project, which is in the preliminary planning stage.

Financial Considerations:

Funds can be transferred from project RD 12-24 Church Street Culvert (cost centre # 301188). This project is currently underbudget enabling \$44,000 to be used for the arches upgrade to the bases.

Alternatives Reviewed:

The alternative options presented to the Pelham Culture Advisory Committee are included in the attached Arches Base Beautification Proposal.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth

The Arches are a local landmark that celebrate collaboration with community groups and local businesses and that serve aesthetic and practical functions at Town events.

Consultation:

The Pelham Culture Advisory Committee
Director Corporate Services and Treasurer

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

Memo - Culture Committee Request to Council - May 1, 2024

Arches Base Beautification Proposal

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