



Subject: Lighthouse Festival Theatre Agreement

To: Council

From: Museum and Culture Department

Report Number: 2025-108

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Recommendation:

That Museum and Culture Department Report 2025-108 be received; and

That Council approve entering into an agreement with Lighthouse Festival Theatre Corporation, attached hereto as Appendix E; and

That the by-law and agreement attached hereto as Appendix A be brought forward for Council's approval.

Purpose:

The Museum, Heritage and Culture Board support the continued partnership with Lighthouse Festival Theatre to operate and manage theatre programming in the City of Port Colborne (the City) owned building known as the Roselawn Centre, located at 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 4T6.

Background:

Lighthouse Festival Theatre, incorporated in 1981, presents high quality professional theatre with a focus on Canadian artists for the Niagara Region, building a stronger subscription base, developing relationships with sponsors and donors, and investing back into the artistic community.

Lighthouse Festival Theatre has an established presence in the community and relationship with the City, having successfully delivered theatre production and box office services (operating as Showboat Festival Theatre) at the Roselawn Centre since 2012.

Lighthouse Festival Theatre works closely with the Department of Museum and Culture to coordinate rentals, programming and collaborations at the Roselawn Centre.

Discussion

Lighthouse Festival Theatre activities couple well with Museum exhibits, events and programs at Roselawn Centre and complement and strengthen the arts and culture in the City. Roselawn Theatre is a well-used facility, managed and occupied as a theatre and centre for artistic groups and the performing arts under the management of Lighthouse Festival Theatre. This agreement will support the City's goals to deliver to the community valuable programming and events that may enrich the quality of life and contribute to a strong sense of community.

Internal Consultations:

None.

Financial Implications:

There are no new financial implications in this agreement compared to the previous agreement.

Staff identify the agreement continues to maintain \$25,000 in annual support to the Lighthouse Festival Theatre.

Public Engagement:

Lighthouse Festival Theatre presented a report to Council January 28th, 2025, to share information on statics reflecting tourism, finances and collaborations over the last 3 years.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Welcoming, Livable, Healthy Community
- Economic Prosperity
- Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure

Conclusion:

The Museum, Heritage and Culture Board supports continuing the agreement with Lighthouse Festival Theatre. The Lighthouse Festival Theatre offers quality performing arts and cultural experiences to local residents that also supports increased tourism in Port Colborne.

Appendices:

- a. Lighthouse Festival Theatre Agreement repeal bylaw 2025
- b. Lighthouse Festival Contract
- c. Schedule A, Map of building
- d. Schedule B, Inventory of equipment
- e. PC Management – Signed – 2025-2029

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.