

STAFF REPORT: Recreation



REPORT TO: Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: May 29, 2008
REPORT NO.: DOR 08 20
SUBJECT: John Haines Mural
PREPARED BY: Suzanne Ferri - Curator

A. Recommendations

THAT Council accepts Staff Report DOR 08 20 "John Haines Mural" and permits the commissioning of artist John Haines to create a wall mural illustrating prehistoric life forms in an ancient underwater sea, for display at the Craighleith Heritage Depot.

B. Background

- This mural will assist with the interpretation of the paleontological display. This mural will give visitors a visual description of what fossilized animals may have looked like when alive 488 million years ago. There are no photographs available for such a display, so an artist's rendition is the only option for display purposes.
- John Haines has produced a perspective map for the Town of The Blue Mountains, as well as the historical plaques recently unveiled in Collingwood. John has met with staff on several occasions to learn more on fossil animal reconstruction. We are confident in his ability to produce such a mural and are pleased to have this unique opportunity.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community.

D. Environmental Impacts

N/A

E. Budget Impact

Three increments of \$833.00 will be awarded to Mr. Haines for a total amount of \$2499.00 for mural construction. This amount shall be taken from the capital reserve fund – *Heritage Interpretation Display Construction* of which there is a \$50,000 capital allowance.

F. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

Signature Suzanne Ferri

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