

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, September 19, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Sarah Peck, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

Regrets: Brenda Armstrong, Susan Duke, Carol Gregory, Dan McKinlay, Herb Neher

1. Call to order - Ron Hackett

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2011

- moved by Diane/Ross that the minutes be accepted with the following corrections: in section 6, should be "Marion Roes" not "Ross"; in section 8, the *Maple Leaf Journal* would be searchable using Adobe not Word; in section 8, the fee would be for adding the Tweedsmuir materials to the Our Ontario site but we would have to digitize them ourselves. Carried as amended.

4. Business arising

- Hawkesville Heritage District - It was agreed to postpone further discussion until the October meeting. Ron will contact Marg Rowell to see if she can attend.

5. Treasurer's Report

- as of September 6 there is \$291.94 in the Historical Society account, plus a GIC of \$4102.59 which will accrue an additional \$124 in interest when it comes due in December 2012.

6. Communications

- An email message was sent out regarding the Doors Open program on September 17. Complete information regarding the sites was published in the Record.

7. Old Business

- Nancy reported that one person visited during the August open house in the Historical Room.

- Nancy has reorganized and labelled displays in the Historical Room in anticipation of the ABC Festival on September 24. She has asked about getting information about the open house at the Historical Room on the ABC website, but so far it is not there. However the information will be printed on the map which is distributed to visitors that day. Ron and Nancy suggested having a contest at the ABC to identify four unusual objects in the collection from photographs. The first person, drawn, correctly identifying all four will get a copy of a Tony Urquhart print. The fire department will loan us a projector so that the Steckley DVD can be shown. Nancy will be in the Historical Room

all day, along with Ross from 9:00-11:00, Diane and Garry from 11:00-12:30, and Ron from 12:30-2:00. Diane and Garry will dress up in historical costumes, weather permitting.

- the request for permission to reproduce the *Maple Leaf Journal* book on CD will go to the Township Council meeting on September 20. Copies cannot be made for sale until the issue has been vetted by the township solicitors. Nancy has been doing further research on ways of digitizing the material in a format which would be searchable using Adobe.

- the slide show shown at the 2010 Wellesley Fall Fair was sent to the organizers of this year's fair, but it was not known if it was shown.

- more acid-free supplies have been ordered.

- Nancy has done further research on how to make the Tweedsmuir books available. It was agreed that it would be too expensive to have the digitized books mounted on the *Our Ontario* site. However Nancy has done a mock-up of a website which we could set up ourselves. We would then pay someone to host the website, but costs would be minimal. This could be linked to the Township website. The material could also be posted on the Flickr photo-sharing site; a basic account would be free but we could also subscribe to a premium account for \$250US per year.

- Details have been finalized for the historical presentation by Ron Futher, a retired Wellesley fire chief, on The History of Fire Protection in Wellesley, 1910-2011. Nancy has done additional research for him in the Township minutes and will assist him in putting together a powerpoint. The presentation has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wellesley Community Centre. The fire department has again agreed to loan us a projector. Nancy will prepare a poster and an announcement can be made at the Horticultural Society meeting on October 17.

- Ron reported that he has not yet received the quotes to build shelving for the models in the Historical Room.

8. New Business

- Ron has spoken to Diane Lorbetski from the Township Office regarding the Koehler funds. The original amount received was \$340,000 with an additional \$15,000 in January 2008, and a final payment of \$10,395.16 this year. It had previously been agreed that we would not touch the \$340,000, but the interest and the additional funding can be used for historical projects. Part of this money was used to fund the study of township villages done by the Heritage group from the University of Waterloo. Currently there is \$11,825.35 available. This money is not to be used to benefit an individual. However, if we agree to pay Nancy to set up a website and digitize the Tweedsmuir books, money can be taken from the GIC

- Ron will attend the Township Council meeting on September 20 to talk about WTHHS matters, including copyright for the *Maple Leaf Journal* CD and the renewal of Nancy's contract. Moved by Garry/Ross that Nancy Maitland's contract be renewed to the end of December 2012, on the same terms as at present (15 hours/month @ \$19/hour). Carried.

9. Next Meeting - Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. (please make every effort to attend)

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.