

Minutes
Wellesley Twp. Heritage/Historical Society Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Hackett (chair), Brenda Armstrong, Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Dan McKinlay, Herb Neher, Sarah Peck, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

1. Call to order – Ron Hackett
1. Delegations:
 - none
2. Minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2010
 - moved by Sarah/Ross that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.
3. Business arising from the minutes
 - reproduction of the Maple Leaf Journal – Further action was deferred.
 - microfilming of Wellesley Maple Leaf newspapers – Ron and Nancy met with Cameron Nixdorf and Karen Ball-Pyatt at Kitchener Public Library. The cost would be \$1500 for 2 rolls covering 1900-1908. It was decided the cost was prohibitive, and we would not go ahead at this time or in the foreseeable future. Those who wish to see the microfilms should be referred to KPL.
 - Tweedsmuir books – Nancy has been in contact with the Ontario Genealogical Society for further information about their microfilming project. In the meantime she is in the process of organizing this material.
 - Heritage Register – Ron and Sarah have not had the opportunity to do much more work on this.
 - Bob Hammer video – Nancy has copied the arena section of the video and some older family material. This will be shown at the ABC Festival, along with her powerpoint presentation.
 - fall fair – Nancy has prepared a DVD presentation to be shown in the arena.
 - ABC festival – the Historical Room will be open from 9:00-3:00, with staffing by Ross (9:00-11:00, Bob Hammer from 11:00-12:00, Carol or Ron from 12:00-1:00, and Ron from 1:00-3:00. Nancy will be available all day. Diane and Garry will dress in period costumes, weather permitting. Ron will check with library staff regarding storage of the articles in the hall outside the Historical Room.
 - possible designation of Shantz-Johnston property in Heidelberg – Further action will be deferred until Susan is present.
 - change of name for the Historical Room – It was agreed that this will not be changed at the present time. There was further discussion of opening hours. A decision regarding opening on the last Saturday of every month was deferred until the beginning of the new year in order to allow Nancy time to sort through material already on hand. Future programming ideas suggested included holding meetings on a topic, such as school pictures, or having a “show and tell” where people could bring in old pictures and we would make copies for the collection. It was also suggested that an open house might be held during Doors Open Saturday next year’s Doors Open.
4. Treasurer’s report
 - no change from previous report

5. Secretary's report and correspondence
 - Sarah reported that a 1914 fall fair will be held at the Waterloo Region Museum at Doon Heritage Village on Sunday, September 19.
 - Sarah also reported that a letter was received regarding a reception for the *Titanic: The Artifacts* exhibition to be held at The Museum in Kitchener. We have been asked to promote this event. Ross indicated that we could put the information on the township's website but could not subsidize tickets as was suggested. After further discussion it was agreed that this exhibition had nothing to do with local history and we should not take any action on the request. Sarah will speak with Susan who will respond.
6. Old business
 - Heritage Conservation District designation in Hawkesville - deferred.
7. New business
 - designation of Bridge no. 6 (Chalmers-Forrest Road Bridge) – Sarah was contacted by the Historical Resources Centre at the University of Waterloo regarding action being taken with respect to designation of this bridge. This group prepared a study and is in favour of designation. However costs to restore the bridge would be substantial: approximately \$670,000 minimum. If the WTHHS made a recommendation to designate the old bridge it would be up to township council to accept our recommendation. Even if restored, the old bridge would not be suitable for modern heavy farm equipment. Building a new bridge to replace it would cost around \$1.5 million, and Ross indicated that this is not a high priority for the township. Sarah will forward the memo to Ron and he will respond.
 - Archivist/curator contract – Nancy's current contract expires at the end of October. There was discussion about extending the contract and increasing the hours worked. Motion (Brenda/Garry): to recommend to council that funding be approved to extend the archivist/curator's contract to the end of December 2011, and that the number of hours be increased to a maximum of 15 hours per month. Carried. Ron will go to the next council meeting to present this recommendation.
8. Next meeting – Monday, November 8, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.