

Minutes
Wellesley Twp. Heritage/Historical Society Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

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

1. Call to order – Ron Hackett
2. Delegations: none
3. Minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2010
 - moved by Diane/Ross that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.
4. Business arising from the minutes
 - fall fair – Nancy reported that she had taken a number of photos. The DVD presentation she prepared was shown in the arena. It was noted that there should be better signage next year.
 - ABC festival – the Historical Room was open from 9:00-3:00. The event was well attended and approximately 70 people signed the guest book. There were positive comments about the new room arrangement. \$21 in sales was collected.
 - Future programming – There will be a meeting on Wednesday, November 10 at the Regional Municipal building regarding next year's Doors Open program. Sites will likely be in Wilmot and North Dumfries. Nancy and Ross will attend the meeting.
 - visitation – we will aim to have the Historical room open in late January on a Saturday afternoon.
 - public programs – Ron has been in contact with Darryl Jantzi, a genealogist among the Amish and Mennonites, and with Ron Futher, who can speak on firefighting in Wellesley. Other topics of interest for presentations would be the Wellesley Town Band, policing in the village, and the history of the village. People could be asked to bring pictures related to the topic of presentations and copies could be made for the Historical Society.
 - designation of Bridge no. 6 (Chalmers-Forrest Road Bridge) – This will not be preserved in its present position. It will have to be moved when a new bridge is built at some time in the future.
 - Heritage Conservation District designation in Hawkesville – Marg Rowell talked to Ron regarding whether we wanted to proceed with this. Sarah will find out if authorization has been given by the township council. The presentation made to the Historical Society will need to be revised before going ahead. Ron will bring a recommendation to council regarding when to hold meetings and how the issue is to be presented, since this must be done carefully.
 - Archivist/curator contract – Council has agreed to extend Nancy's contract to the end of 2011 and increase the time to 15 hours/month.
5. Treasurer's report
 - no change from previous report in the Heritage account. The balance in the

Historical Society account is \$501.23 as of September 29.

6. Correspondence

- A copy of the September/October Waterloo Historical Society newsletter was received.
- Minutes of the September 10 meeting of the Heritage Planning Advisory Committee were also received. Ron will work with Harriet Schaeffer to revise the driving tour brochure. The scenic heritage value of regional roads needs to be confirmed.
- Sarah reported that she had received a letter from the Community Heritage Ontario organization regarding whether there is a new organizations replacing the former LACAC and whether we wish to join their organization. Sarah will respond to let them know what we are doing, but that we do not wish to join since their services are similar to those we receive through the Region of Waterloo.

7. Old business

- reproduction of the Maple Leaf Journal – Further action was deferred.
- microfilming of Wellesley Maple Leaf newspapers – Further action deferred.
- Tweedsmuir books – Nancy reported that some counties have gone ahead and digitized their material. It was suggested she also check with the University of Guelph to see what they are doing. She has been organizing the material as time permits.
- Heritage Register – Ron and Sarah will continue working on a list of properties. Once this is compiled they will talk to Council to see how to proceed.
- Bob Hammer video – A copy is on the computer in the Historical Room. It was shown at the ABC Festival open house.
- possible designation of Shantz-Johnston property in Heidelberg – This is in limbo at the moment. Ross reported that the township has offered to put a notation on township signs indicating that Wellesley Township is the home of the 28th Governor General, but this needs Regional approval to proceed.
- change of name for the Historical Room – It was agreed that this will not be changed at the present time.

8. New business

- Donations and acquisitions – We have acquired a hand-drawn 1862 map of Hawkesville, on condition that a sign be attached indicating that was given by John Ottman as a memorial gift. Moved by Diane/Garry that up to \$130 be taken from the Historical Society account to pay for conservation matting and framing of the 1862 Hawkesville map. Carried.
- there are multiple copies of a number of books, mostly old school texts. Some have been catalogued and some have not. It was agreed that Nancy remove the duplicates from the collection in order to free up space in the storage cupboards. We will need to decide what to do with the duplicates.

9. Next meeting – Monday, January 24, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.