

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, June 13th, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

1. Call to order - Ron Hackett

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of May 9th, 2011

- moved by Diane/Ross that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Hawkesville Heritage District - Ron has spoken to Marg Rowell and she is willing to assist with the next steps. Ron also reported that there is some talk at the municipal level about the assessment of heritage properties and about giving grants for restoration. He has attended when reports were made to both Woolwich and Wellesley councils about what the Heritage Committee (HPAC) is doing. It was agreed that there is a need to explain further to the residents of Hawkesville the benefits of a heritage conservation district. However there is no urgency and another meeting should not be held until the fall. Proposed boundaries of the HCD could be presented at that time. It was also suggested that those who did express interest in the project be contacted to ask if they would be willing to provide leadership.

- May 28th visiting hours - Ron was here from 10:00-3:00. Only one person came in, but she worked in the Historical Room for some time.

5. Treasurer's Report

- no change from previous meeting

6. Communications

- Information has been provided for the updating of the *Catch the Culture* brochure

- Nancy reported that she has been in contact with the Ontario Genealogical Society regarding their digitization project of Tweedsmuir histories. There would be a fee to have the materials scanned, but then the Society would receive a small income stream when the content was viewed online. However there would be no costs involved if the books were digitized as part of the *Our Ontario* project. Nancy recommended that we should pursue that route rather than working through the OGS. She will contact Linwood library to see if the Tweedsmuir books there could be borrowed.

- Nancy indicated that Gail Martin from the *Elmira Independent* would be willing to publish a "mystery photo" of something in the collection the week before our Historical Room visitations to see if anyone could identify the subjects.

- Ron was given a picture of a school class from the 1890s at S.S. #40 on Weimar Line for the collection.
- Susan passed on to Ron a letter from the Ontario Heritage Trust inviting Council to participate in their volunteer recognition programs.

7. Old Business

- Historical presentations - Nancy will contact Ron Futher regarding a presentation on the Wellesley firefighters. This could be scheduled for some time in the fall at the community centre.
- Ron reported he has not yet received the quotes to build shelving for the models in the Historical Room. However the township building inspector has been in and has made suggestions for how the shelves could be mounted.

8. New Business

- Ross brought in some donations received from June Sellers. These included additional Women's Institute material, historical pamphlets, song books, and pictures.

9. Next Meeting - Monday, August 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.