

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Monday, August 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Sarah Peck, Diane Peters
Regrets: Brenda Armstrong, Susan Duke, Carol Gregory, Dan McKinlay, Garry Peters, Herb Neher, Bob Hammer

1. Call to order - Ron Hackett

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of June 13, 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. She was unable to attend the meeting tonight. It was agreed to postpone further action until the October meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

- 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

- The newsletter of the Heritage Resources Centre in Waterloo was received and passed around. This includes a list of seminars of potential interest but they are expensive.

- A letter was received from Michael Chan, the Minister of Tourism and Culture regarding a new publication *Heritage Places of Worship: A Guide to Conserving Heritage Places of Worship in Ontario*.

- A letter was received waiving tariff fees for searching at Land Registry offices for Municipal Heritage Committee members and their assistants.

- Material was received from MHBC, a company which could be hired to assist with the HCD project.

- Marian Ross of the Waterloo Historical Society has asked for a list of events from October to January or other relevant information for publication in their next newsletter. Nancy will put something together to submit.

- The *Heritage Matters* magazine from the Ontario Heritage Trust was received.

- Nancy reported that the people in the photograph published in the *Elmira Independent* had been identified and the information updated on the computer.

7. Old Business

- Historical presentations - Nancy has been in contact with Ron Futher regarding a presentation on the Wellesley firefighters. She also did some additional research for him and has agreed to help him put together a powerpoint. She will follow up and hopefully a presentation can be scheduled for October. Sarah will check regarding the availability of the Community Centre and about the possibility of borrowing a projector. We will also need to make posters to put up around town. Sarah reported that the Township Recreation Department had purchased a new speaker system for the Community Centre. There was some discussion of other potential speakers. Darryl Jantzi, who had earlier expressed interest in making a presentation, is leaving on a mission trip to

the Ukraine and will not be available for some time.

- Ron reported he has not yet received the quotes to build shelving for the models in the Historical Room. It is unlikely that they will be up for the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival.

8. New Business

- Curator's Report – two people visited during each of the June and July open houses in the Historical Room. Ron also had contact with several other researchers, including one from Pennsylvania.

- there are a number of duplicate copies of old school textbooks in the bell tower room. Motion (moved by Nancy/Diane) that Nancy be authorized to investigate possibilities for disposing of duplicates. Carried.

- Nancy is refreshing the displays in the Historical Room for the ABC Festival. She is designing new displays on photographers active in Wellesley and on the Women's Institute. We should also have information available that day on Ron Futher's firefighting presentation. Diane and Garry will dress in historical costumes, weather permitting.

- Nancy will contact the organizers of the Wellesley Fall Fair regarding setting up the slide show which was shown last year.

- more acid-free supplies are needed. Motion (moved Ross/Diane) that we proceed with the purchase of supplies, with money to cover the costs taken from the Koehler account interest. Any additional amounts required can be taken from the Historical Society account. Carried.

- Nancy scanned the *Maple Leaf Journal* book at the Township offices. She brought a copy on CD but will need to purchase software to make it fully searchable using Word. The Township owns copyright on the book. Motion (Diane/Ross) that Council will be asked to give the Historical Society permission to digitally reproduce the *Maple Leaf Journal* for sale. Carried. Sarah will ask Susan to put the issue on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

- Nancy reported that she has had further contact with a representative of the *Our Ontario* project and was told there would now be a \$950 fee to digitize the Tweedsmuir books. The cost could be lower if we worked with other groups. Nancy would be willing to do the scanning herself, but this could not be considered part of her regular Historical Society duties. She has been looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant to pay for her to do it, but this might be difficult because of the money we have available in the Koehler account. There was discussion about whether to cash in the GIC to cover the costs, but a decision was deferred to the October meeting.

- Nancy will contact the webmaster of the ABC Festival to see if our open house that day can be added to the events section.

- Ross brought in some newspaper clippings about a local doctor and dentist.

9. Next Meeting - Monday, September 19, 2011, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.