

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, January 22, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Dave Holzschuh, Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Larry Park, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

Regrets: Beth Lealess, Peter van der Maas

1. Call to order - 7:30 p.m. (Nancy)

2. Delegation

- Bridget Coady, Principal Planner, Cultural Heritage at the Region of Waterloo talked about The Regional Implementation Guidelines for Conserving Regionally Significant Cultural Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscape Conservation. Discussion followed. It was agreed to invite Peter van der Maas and Geoff van der Baaren to come to speak to the group about plans for the Wellesley pond.

3. Minutes of the meetings of October 28, 2017 and November 20, 2017

- moved by Dave/Carol that the minutes for both meetings be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- terms of reference for Heritage Committee and Historical Society – these have been approved by township Council. Nancy will send out copies to members of the Society.
- progress is being made on the Heritage Register. Nancy passed around the latest draft, which includes over 200 properties. We will need to determine which ones should be listed.
- new plaque for Rushes Cemetery – nothing further can be done until spring

5. Communications

- Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) is partnering with Canadian Geographic for a “What Is It?” Contest
- Heritage Day for Wilmot Township will be held at New Dundee Community Centre from 10:00-3:00 on Saturday, February 24th. Nancy will be at the Historical Room that day and there was a request for volunteers to attend to staff a Wellesley township display. Carol, Diane and Garry would be available (depending on weather).
- Ontario Volunteer Service award nominations – Nancy will check to see when these were last submitted

6. Curator’s Report

- Linwood clippings donated by Julie Schnurr were added to the website (1300+ searchable clippings)
- Web stats 2017 summary – 317 sessions/month; 257 unique users/month; 1015 page views/Month; 80% new visitors/month, 20% returning visitors
- January newsletter has been sent out

- Wellesley Township assessment roles for 1854-80 will be scanned at KPL
- Historical documents stored at Council Chambers will be reviewed (with Theresa Bisch)
- we should consider purchasing some family history software for the Historical Room
- Nancy has looked at Wellesley township school inspection reports at KPL in order to identify teachers' names – KPL plans to scan these for their website
- new member – Kevin Hackett from Michigan (descendant of Greenwood family)
- 2 postcards were purchased: Wellesley Public School (\$8.50) and St. Mary's RC church and School, Linwood (\$11.50); total \$19.55
- petty cash at end of 2017: \$98.86

7. New Business

- Heritage Society funds - GIC \$6833.99 deposited on December 17, 2017 / bank account \$1508.59 - Total \$8342.58
- Moved by Dave/seconded Garry that we inform Theresa Bisch, Treasurer of the Township of Wellesley, that we would like to maintain \$1500 in the Heritage reserve account for possible expenses related to the Municipal Heritage Register and/or property designation and that we would like the remainder of the proceeds from the matured GIC to be invested for a 3-year term in a non-cashable GIC. CARRIED.
- ownership of digital assets - we cannot hand out certain types of information such as ancestry.ca records for which they own the copyright
- ownership of digital assets created by us – we will not hand out digital collections that we have created to researchers, such as the entire run of the *Wellesley Maple Leaf* newspaper
- we should purchase an external hard drive for the computer in the Historical Room for computer file backup – Dave will assist Nancy with this
- Nancy has inquired about getting a computer from the township to set up for a research desk (no internet access required)
- the AGM will be held at the March meeting – reports will be due prior to the meeting
- Nancy contacted Sylvia Galbraith who had said she would be willing to do a public presentation in Wellesley based on her display at Kitchener City Hall last fall which showed contemporary pictures which reproduce historical photographs.

8. Other Business

- 9. Next meeting – special meeting with Peter van der Maas and Geoff van der Baaren to be arranged.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.