

MINUTES

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE and HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ONLINE MEETING - Monday, June 15, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Present via Zoom: Nancy Maitland, Andrew Jacobson, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Peter van der Maas, Jean Herrgott, Karolyn Fournier, Debbie Kroetsch, Carol Gregory (joined later in the meeting)

Regrets: Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Judy Mendicino, Dave Holzschuh.

Jean Hergott showed as logged in, but was without video or audio. Andrew attempted to contact her by phone to assist technically. Phone number on file was not in service.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 by Nancy Maitland.
2. Delegations – none
3. Minutes of the last meeting – March 9, 2020 - Andrew moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Peter, carried.
4. Communications:
 - Peter van der Maas had alerted Nancy that the Nith River Chop House is selling off possible artifacts from the early days of the Royal Hotel. Peter researched what was for sale and shared that the restaurant was liquidating decor, which did not contain any historical artifacts.
 - The Apple Butter and Cheese Festival and the Wellesley Township Fall Fair have been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID19

Carol Gregory joined the meeting.

- We received a \$25 donation from Diane Wittig for research Nancy provided to her.
- Debbie Kroetsch introduced herself. She was previously a president of the Wellesley Historical Society and a founding member of Wellesley LACAC. During her term, she was involved in taking inventory, publishing a driving tour, and designating buildings. She lived in Wellesley for 10 years. She has been a member of the Waterloo Historical Society for over 30 years.
- Nancy shared that there has been a proposed property severance at 34 David Street. The owner has requested to sever and sell part of the lot. A petition has been created and circulated to oppose the severance. This will be presented to Council at their meeting on June 16.

When designations were completed in the late 1980s to the early 2000s this property was not included. The WTHHS is in the process of creating a heritage register as required by the Ontario Heritage Act and this property will be included. In the past, historical designations were usually applied to buildings, not properties. Having the property on the register would not matter in this case anyway. The WTHHS is interested in the process and outcome of this application.

When this application is discussed at the Council meeting, the Committee of Adjustment will probably make a decision right away. If the applicant for severance doesn't agree with the decision – they can appeal.

Nancy shared that she has signed the petition personally, and not as a representative of the WTHHS.

- Debbie mentioned that historical designation often only covers the façade or style, not necessarily the entire building. She suggested to try to work with the seller, the neighbour and the township. However, in this case, we are not involved.
- This situation reminds WTHHS the urgency to going ahead with our heritage register.

5. New Business

- Nancy has prepared a revised budget as she has run out of some supplies. With the COVID-19 closures, she has been getting a lot of work completed. She's been coming in on Saturdays when we were supposed to be open and Monday afternoons and also works from home. The cost for acid-free supplies will increase from \$400 to \$800. We had already spent \$336 on acid-free supplies, this gives us more room for required expense. It was noted we didn't use up all of last year's budget. We will present this revised budget to council.

Category	2020 budget	2020 revised
office/admin	\$125.00	\$125.00
Display	\$175.00	\$175.00
membership (WHS)	\$30.00	\$30.00
subscriptions (Canada's History)	\$60.00	\$60.00
acquisition	\$150.00	\$150.00
acid free supplies	\$400.00	\$800.00
public meeting/workshop	\$50.00	\$50.00
web site hosting /domain name	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$990.00</u>	<u>\$1,390.00</u>

Karolyn moved to approve update to 2020 budget, Andrew seconded. Carried

- Debbie had asked if we had included the expected expense of approximately \$1200 for possible historical designation in our budget. Nancy suggested we would draw those expenses the Heritage Committee Fund.

6. Old Business

- Karolyn & Nancy will attend the online Wellesley Council meeting on June 30, 2020 to provide our annual report, (revised) budget, and request Nancy's contract renewal for 2020.
- Tax assessment rolls – no current activity

7. Chair/Curator's Report

- Nancy has been working on the backlog and is getting caught up. More storage space will soon be required.

- Current projects include:
 - Photos donated by a woman of Crosshill
 - ⊖ Paul Schmalz, whose step-father owned the gas station and post office near the feed store donated photos of the building being moved to what was then Doon Pioneer Village. The photos have been scanned. He also donated clothing, including a baseball uniform. Clothing is appreciated but is hard to store.
 - Vonnie Haner donated 17 scrapbooks of articles and other things.
 - A slide scanner donation was received. Nancy has processed 178 slides.
 - A descendant of the Brenner family at Kittles Corner donated a tatted shawl and newspaper clippings of quilt patterns. Clippings were digitized, originals not kept.
 - Florence Bender from St Clements had donated photos in magnetic albums. 496 photos have been digitized. Nancy is working on numbering each photo. We are unable to remove photos from albums successfully.
 - “Canada’s History” magazine – Nancy has created stickers to be adhered to the cover of each magazine. Karolyn will take to library when she goes to the room.
 - ⊖ Digitizing historical documents – 12,000 pages of original docs, including council minutes have been scanned. Nancy will create a digital collection page for the website.
 - Tweedsmuir Histories – Linwood, Dorking - scanning is complete and ready to go on website. The Wellesley books were scanned at KPL in the 80’s. Nancy matched the KPL records with what we have. The original will need to be rescanned.
 - Nancy is looking to attain a full collection of “Wellesley on the Pond” publications. We seem to be missing three issues.

Web stats: Monthly average YTD at end of May: 291 users; 365 sessions, 1094 page views

Debbie thanked Nancy for all her work, including “volunteer” hours.

8. Financial Reports – there were no issues or concerns

Name	Amount
Heritage Committee – cash	1,570.24
Heritage Committee - GIC	6,860.00
Historical Society	548.31
Koehler Fund – cash	49,050.55
Koehler Fund - GIC	300,000.00
Petty cash	191.54
TOTAL	358,220.64

9. Other Business

- Karolyn made an initial contact to Kim Banbury inquiring about getting high resolution copies of some of the photos posted on the Wellesley Remembered Facebook page.

10. Next virtual meeting: August 10 2:00 pm

11. Meeting was adjourned at 2:51 by Nancy.

Minutes recorded by Karolyn Fournier