

# WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Monday, January 17, 2022; 2:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** The names and addresses of homeowners and researchers will be omitted from published minutes to maintain their privacy.

**Present by Zoom:** Andrew Jacobson, Chair; Nancy Maitland, Curator; Lindsay Raftis, Secretary; Diane Peters; Garry Peters; Kevin Hackett; David Holzschuh; Carol Gregory; Peter van der Maas; Shirley Hutton; Warren Stauch; Martin Starr

**1. Call to order** – Andrew Jacobson, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

**2. Minutes from last meeting** – November 15, 2021

Moved: Peter van der Maas Seconded: David Holzschuh

That the WTHHS committee approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, meeting as presented.

*Carried*

### **3. Delegations**

#### Warren Stauch

Warren Stauch informed the committee that he is the Chair of the plaques committee for the Waterloo Historical Society as well as completed bus tours in Wellesley, Woolwich, Wilmot, etc. Mr. Stauch spoke to his interest in the Emancipation Day plaque

### **4. Communications**

Andrew Jacobson, Chair welcomed Shirley Hutton as a new member.

Nancy Maitland, Curator informed the committee that the WTHHS will not be open this Saturday January 26, 2022 to align with the Wellesley Township temporary administration office closure due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### **5. New Business**

*AGM Planning*– Andrew Jacobson, Chair changed the Annual General Meeting date to Monday February 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. as February 21, 2022 is Family Day. Nancy Maitland, Curator will publish the new date on the website.

*Nominations* – Carol Gregory nominated Andrew Jacobson as Chair. Nancy Maitland, Curator nominated David Holzschuh as Vice Chair.

*Bridge #0005 Rehabilitation* – Nancy Maitland, Curator spoke to the bridge rehabilitation scheduled for July 2022 of Bridge #0005, located between Streicher Line and Deborah Glaister Line on Chalmers Forrest Road. Ms. Maitland, Curator spoke to the inscriptions found on each of the barriers and the opportunity to create a plaque.

### **6. Old Business**

*Emancipation Day Plaque Update* – Nancy Maitland, Curator provided an update regarding placing the current Indigenous land acknowledgement used by the Township of Wellesley on the bottom of the Emancipation Day Plaque. Andrew Jacobson, Chair, asked if it will be mandatory to add a land

acknowledgment on each plaque that is erected in the future. Peter van der Maas stated that no one has the answer to that question at this time, but brought a motion forward that the Emancipation Day plaque project moves forward as planned without the inclusion of the Indigenous land acknowledgement.

Moved: Peter van der Maas Seconded: Carol Gregory

That the WTHHS committee move forward with the erection of the Emancipation Day plaque as planned for 2022.

*Carried*

Subsequent to the meeting, Nancy Maitland, Curator requested a recorded vote from the recording of the Zoom meeting.

**In Favour**

Dave Holzschuh  
Carol Gregory  
Diane Peters  
Garry Peters  
Peter van der Maas  
Kevin Hackett  
Shirley Hutton  
Martin Starr

**Opposed**

Nancy Maitland  
Andrew Jacobson

Motion passed with 8 to 2 in favour.

*1063 Doering Street Update* – Andrew Jacobson, Chair informed the committee that Geoff VanderBarren, Director of Planning at the Township had sent a letter to the owners of the designated property at 1063 Doering Street reminding them of their responsibilities under the terms of the designation to seek approval from the Heritage Committee before undertaking any renovations to their home. Mr. VanderBarren stated he has not heard back from the property owners. Carol Gregory suggested sending a letter to each designated property owner as a friendly reminder along with a copy of the by-law. Nancy Maitland, Curator agreed and offered to follow up with the Township.

**7. Heritage Committee**

*Non-Designated Register Update* – Nancy Maitland, Curator spoke to the work completed by the co-op student from the Township and there is still some work to be done before it goes to Council for approval. Ms. Maitland, Curator informed the committee that the North Waterloo Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario reached out regarding a course for planning students at the University of Waterloo. Ms. Maitland, Curator is waiting to hear back from the Township with permission to send the committee's draft non-designated register onto the University where the planning students will complete at no charge to the committee.

**8. Chair Report** – Andrew Jacobson, Chair spoke to the schedule of meetings for 2022 and informed the committee the list would be distributed via email after the meeting.

**9. Curator's Report** – Nancy Maitland, Curator

- Julie Schnurr has completed research on R. Y. Fish and will donate her results to the collection.
- The Historical Room was open the last Saturday of October and November. Sold a CD of the Maple Leaf Journal and one map.

- Steve Hannon decided to donate the Charles Ottman album to a larger institution; the album has been returned.
- Completed research for rych mills article about the Opera House that appeared in the Record in December.
- Member Judy Mendicino has been looking through the Waterloo Chronicle and has found articles that look retrospectively at Wellesley; those articles are being transcribed.
- Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt nominated six of the early entrepreneurs of Heidelberg to the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame and the nomination has been accepted.
- Wrote an article for Embracing Change regarding the Women’s Institute.
- Wrote an article for the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette about an afghan that was donated to the collection.
- Newsletter completed and distributed.
- Received a request from a Grade 7/8 teacher at the Wellesley public school regarding a Black History Month walking tour.
- Asked to write an article for the Wilmot – Tavistock Gazette for their heritage edition.
- Ruth Heinbuch passed away at the age of 102; will send a card to her children noting what a great supporter she was of the collection.

**10. Financial Report**

Nancy Maitland submitted the petty cash amount and subsequent to the meeting Andrew Jacobson, Chair provided the heritage society and historical society cash balances and the Koehler Estate balance:

Heritage Society	\$8,696.34
Historical Society	\$1,143.12
Petty Cash	\$133.71
Koehler Estate Fund	\$49,598.35
Koehler Estate GIC	\$300,000.00
Total	\$359,571.52

**11. Other Business – None**

**12. Next Meeting:** Monday February 14, 2022 - 2:00 pm

Moved by: Dave Holzschuh Seconded by: Kevin Hackett  
That the WTHHS meeting does now adjourn at 3:02 pm.

*Carried*