

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025; 10:00 a.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; Peter van der Maas, Vice Chair; Theresa Bisch, Secretary, Sophia Grande-Lawlor, Curator; Amy Harron, Township of Wellesley, Councillor Lori Sebben, Carol Gregory; Nancy Maitland, Debbie Kroetsch, Shirley Hutton, Diane Peters.

Annual General Meeting

- 1. Call to Order** - Andrew Jacobson, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The 2024 Secretary's Report, 2024 Chair, Curator and Financial Reports were attached to the agenda. There was no discussion on these reports. At January 13, 2025 meeting Nancy Maitland nominated Andrew Jacobson as Chair; Theresa Bisch as Secretary; Peter van der Maas agreed to continue as vice-chair in 2025. All we acclaimed. There were no other nominations at this meeting and thus all three agreed to stand. Andrew Jacobson welcomed Sophia Grande-Lawlor as the new curator.
- 2. 10:06 a.m. Motion to Adjourn the Annual General Meeting:** Peter van der Maas, Seconded by Carol Gregory. Carried.

Regular Meeting

- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – None reported
- 4. Adoption of Minutes**
Lori Sebben would like to see copies of the postcards that have been purchased. Nancy Maitland will send these out to the group. No further discussion ensued.
Moved by: Peter van der Maas, Seconded by: Carol Gregory
That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society committee approve the minutes of the January 8th, 2025 meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Presentations / Delegations / Communications

- Nancy Maitland reported that on Saturday March 15, 2025 is a public meeting of the Waterloo Historical Society, at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, 154 Benton Street, Kitchener. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the program begins at 1:15 p.m. The former journalist, John Roe has written about The Marsland Engineering Story which captures the beginning, the decades of technological innovations in the 1980's and the pivot from that business into real estate. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.
- Nancy Maitland received an announcement from the Wellesley Township Fair Committee that the date of the fair is now being held on the Friday August 22nd and Saturday August 23rd. The theme is New Roots, Kick up your boots. For more information please see www.wellesleynehfallfair.ca
- Nancy Maitland reported that Sophia Grande-Lawlor is also the newsletter editor for the Waterloo Historical Society and a recent newsletter has been communicated to us. Nancy will try to send the link to this newsletter to everyone on our committee.

- Nancy Maitland has been asked to deliver the address at the next Waterloo Historical Society public meeting to be held in June. Time and place to be determined. She will be talking about the Township and our collection.

6. Chair's Report

- The chair's report was attached to the agenda and indicated that on February 22, 2025 Sophia Grande-Lawlor was hired as the new curator for the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society. Also, in February, due to inclement weather, Wilmot Heritage Day was cancelled, and the Historical Room was closed for Family Day.

7. Unfinished Business

- None reported

8. New Business

- Moved by Peter van der Maas, Seconded by Theresa Bisch
That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Committee approve the 2025 Budget.
Carried.

Andrew Jacobson, Nancy Maitland and Sophia Grande-Lawlor will attend the Township Council meeting on March 25, 2025 to present the budget to Council for approval as well as the Curator's contract to be renewed. Nancy Maitland will submit the curator's report from this meeting for Council's information.

9. Heritage Committee Chair Report

- Nothing further.
- Nancy Maitland referenced the minutes of the last meeting regarding the two houses that were being considered for possible designations. The owners need to be contacted to explain why these properties were chosen or declined to be chosen. Debbie Kroetsch asked Carol Gregory to assist in the letter writing to these two owners. They need the owner's names and mailing addresses in order to send the letters. Sophia Grande-Lawlor will be provided with information about this project.

10. Curator's Report

- Curators' report attached as appendix 'A' to the minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting.
- Moved by Theresa Bisch, Seconded by Debbie Kroetsch
That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Committee approve the expenses listed in the curator's report for payment.
Carried
- Nancy Maitland reminded the group that the old tax rolls are still in the Township of Wellesley Council Chambers vault and are still awaiting processing and donating to the Regional Archives. Nancy Maitland and Sophia Grande-Lawlor will continue to work on this project.

11. Social Media Report

- Sophia Grande-Lawlor will work on moving forward with social media moving forward.

12. Financial Report

- Financial report attached as appendix "B" to the minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting.
Moved by Peter van der Maas, Seconded by Nancy Maitland
That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Committee approve the financial reports that were attached to the agenda.
Carried

13. Other Business

- Debbie Kroetsch reported that February was Black History Month. She attended a concert at The Registry Theatre where Tracy Lee, a cousin of the person we had for the designation that was held last year in Hawkesville. Her theme was the origins of Black Music. Debbie videotaped the performance and if anyone wants to see it, please contact Debbie.
- Peter van der Maas asked about access to the Historical Room in the event of an emergency and the Curator and Chair are unable to attend. The Township will see if an extra set of keys can be held by Peter van der Mass for use in emergencies only.

14. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.

15. Adjournment: 10:39 a.m.

Moved by: Carol Gregory Seconded by: Andrew Jacobson

THAT the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society meeting does now adjourn.

Carried