

# WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14, 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; Township of Wellesley, Carol Gregory; Nancy Maitland, Debbie Kroetsch, Dan Maloney, Lara Carleton.

1. **Call to order** – 10:02 a.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – None reported

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: Carol Gregory, Seconded by: Andrew Jacobson

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society committee approve the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting as presented.

*Carried*

4. **Presentations / Delegations / Communications**

- Nancy Maitland will speak about Wellesley Township and how our collection relates to each of the major settlement areas in the Township. This will occur on June 24, 2025 at the Waterloo Historical Society Public Meeting to be held at the Linwood Community Centre, 5279 Ament Line, Linwood. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. presentation begins at 7:15 p.m. – All are welcome to attend.

5. **Chair's Report**

- Andrew Jacobson reported that he, Nancy Maitland and Sophia Grande-Lawlor attended the March 25 Wellesley Township Council meeting where they introduced Sophia to council as the new curator and the budget for 2025 was approved.
- Andrew Jacobson also reported the sad news that Ross Kelterborn, a major part of the Historical Society for many years, passed away. He had donated many items to the collection. Andrew and his wife attended the visitation representing the Historical Society.
- On April 26<sup>th</sup> Andrew Jacobson attended the Historical Room and 11 visitors dropped in during intermission from the Wellesley Theatre play across the hall. A donation was received and reported on in the curator's report.

6. **Unfinished Business**

- Extra keys for the library building are now available from Peter van der Maas in the event of the primary key holders being unable to attend the building. If Peter will be away, he will leave the keys with Theresa Bisch.
- Wilmot Heritage Day was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Sophia Grande-Lawlor and Nancy Maitland attended and enjoyed their time there.
- Debbie Kroetsch spoke to 2 families that were representing themselves at the Wilmot Heritage Day, and she told them about both our Historical Society and the Waterloo Historical Society. Debbie suggested that they might want to visit the Grace Schmidt room at

the Kitchener Public Library and that perhaps they could share the genealogical work they had done with the KPL.

#### **7. New Business**

- The Historical Room is open the last Saturday of each month except December. The next Saturday is May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> is the Township of Wellesley Backyard BBQ. Sophia Grande-Lawlor will be there. Volunteers for the booth will be Peter van der Maas and Nancy Maitland. Others to be determined.

#### **8. Heritage Committee Report**

- Andrew Jacobson has been in contact with Darryl Denny and Tim Van Hinte from the Township of Wellesley regarding 1215 Queen's Bush Rd and the status of that home. The committee needs to know how to move forward with this.
- The owners still need to be contacted to explain why the subject properties were chosen or declined to be chosen. Debbie Kroetsch and Carol Gregory will work together to write letters the two owners.
- The log home is a very early example of the industry in the village. Nancy Maitland is working on the history of the early blacksmiths that lived in that house.
- Lara Carleton reminded the committee that when they are making decisions, to keep in mind that they are dealing with the homeowners and should be more tactful and empathetic in explaining why or why not their homes were being chosen for designation.
- The committee will meet offline regarding potential designations.

#### **9. Curator's Report**

- The Curator's report is attached as appendix 'A' to the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting. There was one spelling mistake noted that the burial records are from the Futher-Franklin Funeral Home.

#### **10. Social Media Report**

- This was included with the curator's report. Sophia Grande-Lawlor explained what Hootsuite social media is.

#### **11. Financial Report**

- The Financial report is attached as appendix "B" to the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting. Moved by Peter van der Maas, Seconded by Carol Gregory  
That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Committee approve the financial reports that were attached to the agenda. *Carried*

#### **12. Other Business**

#### **13. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

#### **14. Adjournment: 10:34 a.m.**

Moved by: Peter van der Maas    Seconded by: Nancy Maitland  
THAT the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society meeting does now adjourn.

*Carried*