

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE and HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November 13, 2024

Via Zoom

Present via Zoom: Andrew Jacobson, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Gary Peters, Carol Gregory, Deborah Kroetsch, Kevin Hackett, Lori Sebben

Recorder: Kevin Hackett

Call to Order: 10:01 am by Andrew Jacobson.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: none noted.

Adoption of the Minutes: Andrew Jacobson moved, Diane Peters and Carol Gregory seconded that the minutes be approved as read. **Motion Carried.**

Chair's Report:

- **WTHHS Historical Room, October 26, 2024 - Andrew Jacobson**
 - o There were a few visitors and 1 donor.

Unfinished Business:

- **Motion to approve expenses for Heritage and Koehler Estate from the September 11, 2024 meeting.**
 - o Andrew Jacobson moved to approve, Kevin Hackett and Lori seconded.
Motion Carried.
- **Waterloo Region Doors Open event and WTHHS open day, September 21, 2024**
 - o Andrew Jacobson, Nancy Maitland and Carol Gregory worked at the event. It was a success with 82 people attending.
- **Apple Butter and Cheese Festival and WTHHS open day, September 28, 2024.**
 - o Andrew Jacobson, Nancy Maitland, Deborah Kroetsch and Andrew Kipp worked at the event. It was a success with 72 people attending.

Heritage Committee Report:

- Nancy has contacted Gail Poole of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario (ACO) regarding possible designations for 2025 and 2026.
 - o Carol Gregory, Deborah Kroetsch and Andrew Jacobson will be meeting Marg Rowell for lunch on November 21, 2024, and if available, Nancy will also attend. They will meet at 1PM for Lunch and looked at the houses at 2PM. The log house at 1149 Queen's Bush Road and the brick house at 1153 Queen's Bush Road.
- Regarding the 1215 Queen's Bush Road heritage by-law infractions, the owner is currently away so no action can be taken at this time.

Curator's Report

See Appendix A

Social Media Report:

- None

Financial Reports:

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- Need from Jeff Dyck.

Expenses:

- It was moved by Andrew Jacobson and seconded by Diane Peters to approve the expenditure of \$234.63 for acid-free supplies. **Motion Carried.**
- It was moved by Andrew Jacobson and seconded by Kevin Hackett to approve Nancy's expenses of \$74.88. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

- A discussion was held concerning InMagic no longer being supported. Nancy stated the WTHHS did not opt for the subscription when it was originally purchased and if it is no longer supported, it should not affect our use.

Other Business:

- Diane Peters inquired regarding the term of the voting members, as there was a possibility she would need to resign as a voting member. It was stated that the terms expire at the end of October 2026, and if there were insufficient voting members, it would address at that time.
- Deborah Kroetsch will be the recorder for the next meeting - January 8, 2025.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Full Meeting Schedule for 2025:

January 8, 2025

March 12 2024 AGM/Regular Meeting

May 14, 2025

September 10, 2025

November 12, 2025

Moved by Andrew Jacobson and seconded by Nancy Maitland to maintain the schedule as proposed. **Motion Carried.**

Adjournment:

Andrew Jacobson moved to adjourn at 10:32 AM and seconded by Nancy Maitland.

Appendix A - Curator's Report, November 13, 2024

I wrote a report listing the reasons why we want to increase the number of hours for the curator role, and worked with Grace Kosch to rewrite the job posting. Andrew and I will attend the November 12 council meeting where the request to increase funding from 15 to 20 hours per month will be discussed. If that is approved we will post the role locally, on our social media platforms and on several museum and archives listservs and hiring boards.

I completed 6 research requests including two about cemeteries, 3 about family history research and one about resources available on our web site for family history research. One of those researchers donated \$30 in appreciation for my work.

We were open on September 21 for Doors Open and September 28 for the ABC Festival.



Many thanks to Andrew, Debbie and Carol for helping out on these open days and for Kip for donating pencil crayons for our young visitors.

We had 2 donations added to the collection, both of which have been catalogued and photographed. I am currently looking for space to file them.

- deeds and other legal documents relating to township properties
- photographs of the Berlet family of Linwood and the Schmidt/Smith family in

Heidelberg



We had an offer a third item, not yet delivered. It is a 19th century Pennsylvania woven coverlet which commemorates the American centenary in 1876. It was owned by the Schaub family in Lexington Ontario. Schaub is a name of local interest in Wellesley Township.

I made 10 DVD copies of the *Maple Leaf Journal*, as discussed at our last meeting.

I wrote and distributed September newsletter

I wrote an article and provided a photo for the October issue of *Embracing Change*

I contacted Danny Roth, Director of Recreation to discuss possible display items from the old community centre in the new recreation centre.

Request to order the following supplies

Catalogue #	Description	Quantity	Price
94-253	Acid -Free envelopes 9x12"	1 pkg/100	\$178.30
10-788	Carmac Textile Storage Box 16x18x30"	1	\$56.33
Total			\$234.63*

*plus tax and shipping

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Expenses for approval:

Date	Expense	Total
2024-09-16	Waterloo Historical Society membership	\$30.00
2024-09-16	10 DVDs for <i>Maple Leaf Journal</i>	\$23.72
2024-09-30	Google workspace (September)	\$10.58
2024-10-31	Google workspace (October)	\$10.58
Total		\$74.88

Waterloo Historical Society

- I agreed to serve as councillor for Wellesley on the WHS board of directors
- I picked up our copy of the WHS annual volume
- I paid our membership dues for 2025.

Motion Carried.