

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE and HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 11, 2024

Via Zoom

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

Present via Zoom: Deb Kroetsch, Nancy Maitland, Grace Kosch, Lori Sebben, Carol Gregory, Andrew Kipp, Dan Maloney, Andrew Jacobson, Shirley Hutton, Diane Peters. Visitors: Tim Van Hinte and Darryl Denny.

Recorder: Carol Gregory

Call to Order: 10:02 am by Andrew Jacobson.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: none noted.

Adoption of the Minutes: Andrew J. moved and Nancy seconded that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Presentations/Delegations/Communications: Andrew J. moved to accept the delegation of Director of Planning, Tim Hinte, and Chief Building Official, Darryl Denny. Lori seconded this motion. Carried. Tim and Darryl brought forth a concern in regards to the designated property at 1215 Queen's Bush Road, Wellesley. The front façade is protected by the designation but it has had modifications. A tenant, Jocelyn Insurance, has erected an illuminated commercial sign, without permission. Darryl contacted the property owner by letter this past Spring in regards to this matter. The owner bought the property c.2010. He was aware of the designation of the south and west facades but not aware of the need for the sign to go along with the designation. The owner wants to know what to do. Tim shared a photo of the façade, signs. **Recommendation:** the Heritage committee is to review and discuss ramifications. Three options – a) not appropriate, signs to be removed. b) what signs would be acceptable? c) change the bylaw. Heritage is to meet, see, discuss the options. The owner, Bob Hunke, is willing to come to the meeting. Darryl will give us the contact information. The decision would be presented through a staff report to council. Council would then make recommendations.

Chair's Report: a) Lara has stepped down as Curator. The search for a new Curator is proceeding, the search will posted through the township. Andrew made a motion to increase the hours for Curator from 15 to 20 per month. Deb seconded this motion. Carried. The results of this motion will be sent to council to be included in the posting. Andrew thanked Nancy for offering to be the Interim Curator until there is a new hire. The Woolwich Observer favorably interviewed Andrew in regards to the Bean puzzle gravestone. The article is attached. On June 22, 2024 the WTHHS had a table display at the Wellesley Township Recreation Centre (WTRC) opening and Community Information Forum. Andrew and Carol manned it. May 25, 2024 The Huber Cider Mill storyboard unveiling event was a major success. Leonard Horst was very active in the development of this memorial of this historical event. In future we will discuss if we can help Mr. Horst in the upkeep of the memorial.

Unfinished Business: Waterloo Region Doors Open event will take place on September 21, 2024. Nancy will be at the Historical Room from 10am to 4pm. Andrew J. will volunteer from 10am to 1pm, Carol will

volunteer from 1pm to 4pm. The Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese festival (ABC) will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Nancy will open the Historical Room from 10am to 2pm. Andrew J. will volunteer from 10am to 12pm. Deb K. will volunteer from 12pm to 2pm. Andrew Kipp will volunteer at the Historical Room on a drop in basis.

New Business: Financial Reports: Please see attached report of the WTHHS expenses for June, July, and August 2024. Jeff Dike is the new director of Corporate Services and Treasurer for Wellesley Township and does our financial statements. **Andrew J. made a motion** to approve the expenses for the Historical Society, **Deb K. seconded** this motion. **Carried.** A **motion** to approve the expenses for Heritage and also the Koehler Estate was made by **Andrew J.**, and **seconded by Andrew Kipp. Carried.**

Heritage Committee Report: The deadline for Built Heritage Designation Deadline has been extended to January 1, 2027. Please see the attached report from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO).

Curator's Report: Nancy attended the Waterloo Historical Society (WHS) meeting. **Nancy** made a motion to pay \$30 for membership to WHS for 2024 -2025. **Lori seconded** this motion. **Carried.** Nancy updated our website for the Huber Mill site. The **Maple Leaf Journal** was written in 1982. We have no more copies of this book. We can ask Rych Mills from WHS if he gets any copies if we could buy them. We have 2 copies of the CD of the Maple Leaf Journal; Nancy asked if she could make 10 more copies. **Andrew J.** made the motion, **Carol seconded** it, that Nancy is to make 10 more. **Carried.** Nancy will look in to our Social Media presence, update it as needed. She will also see about a display for the WTRC.

Other Business: none.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2024 at 10am.

Adjournment: at 11:01am **Andrew J. moved** that we adjourn. **Carried.**