

Minutes

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Hackett (chair), Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Peter Vandermaas

Regrets: Carol Gregory, Ross Kelterborn

1. Call to order - 7:40 p.m.

2. Delegations

- Geoff VanderBaaren, Wellesley Township planner, was introduced. Geoff has been with the township for one year. Prior to that he spent seven years working in Perth county, and prior to that he was a private consultant in Waterloo region. Issues discussed with Geoff included the municipal heritage property register, which lists potential heritage properties in Wellesley Township. It is not a listing of officially-designated heritage properties and there is currently no mechanism for tracking if changes are made to these properties. Ron and Nancy will check the listings, then they should go before Council to ask that these properties be registered. Geoff will check to see if homeowners need to be notified that their property is on the list for potential designation. He will also generate a map showing the listed properties. Also, Nancy is working on a procedures manual on how to identify how to access Historical Society files and Geoff will be the designated backup if she is unavailable.

3. Minutes of the meeting of January 26th, 2015

- moved by Diane/Garry that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- see Old Business

5. Curator's Report

- Nancy has been helping a number of people with family history projects and also working with Marion Roes, who is looking into the history of undertaking in Wellesley; she is also assisting with finding information on the history of the ABC Festival

- the last edition of *Wellesley is.....* included an article on digitizing the *Maple Leaf* newspaper; articles on the project also appeared in a number of local newspapers

- Nancy opened the Historical Room for visitors prior to a recent performance by the Wellesley theatre group which was held in the building

- payment as been named to secure the domain name for the website; Nancy will look after paying the fees for hosting

- Nancy will contact Grace Koch at the township re: procedures for ordering new supplies; Ross donated some items of clothing and hats so some larger boxes will be needed; we will soon have to address issues of storage space

- the digitization of the *Maple Leaf* is continuing (currently up to 1904, need to complete to 1908)

- Nancy will not be available to work in the Historical Room for the open house on July 25th and volunteers will be needed

- some copies of the Tony Urquhart prints have sold and the money will be used for petty cash for supplies

6. Treasurers' Reports

- Heritage Society - no report

- Diane reported that there is \$2344.97 in the Historical Society chequing account

7. Communications

- copy of the *RARE Review* was passed around

- other items were distributed by email prior to the meeting

- Nancy and Ron are interested in attending the *Heritage Conservation in Ontario: Fundamentals for Municipal Heritage Committees* workshop

8. Old Business

- Ron reported that he had seen the old Wellesley fire truck and spoken again with Mayor Joe Nowak about the restoration project.

MOTION (Garry/Peter) that the Historical Society contribute \$2000 from interest on the Koehler fund to assist with costs of refurbishing the 1952 Wellesley township fire truck. Carried

Ron will pass this information on to Kevin Beggs, General Manager of Community Services for the township.

9. New Business

- Peter raised the idea of holding a local Jane's walk, a neighbourhood walk around Wellesley to point out important facts about the town's history and buildings. These walks are held in various locations across Canada. Peter and Nancy will look into the possibility for next year.

9. Next Meeting - Monday, June 22nd, 2015, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.