

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, JUNE 22, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters,
Garry Peters

Regrets: Peter Vandermaas

1. Call to order - 7:35 p.m.

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2015

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

5. Business arising

- Jane's Walk - Nancy has further information on what is involved. Next year these walks will be held from May6-8. Nancy and Peter will discuss the idea further

- the list of potential heritage properties in Wellesley Township which was prepared by Sarah Peck needs to be evaluated and really significant properties identified. Ron will discuss this further with Geoff Vander Baaren at the Township office. A list of properties identified as particularly significant will need to be taken to Council. Carol agreed to talk to homeowners if their permission is required before they are added to the list.

- a committee has been formed by Council to determine what work needs to be done on the old Wellesley fire truck. They will develop a business plan and a copy will be sent to us before we give a donation.

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Carol reported that there is \$1498.59 in the Heritage Society chequing account and there is a GIC for \$6599.45 + \$72.59 accrued interest.

- Diane reported that there is \$2305.47 in the Historical Society chequing account.

6. Communications

- the copy of Canada's History for the public library collection needs to be renewed. Diane will send this in.

- Nancy had a request for a DVD from someone in Australia. Their cheque was marked "non-negotiable" so Ron has sent it back.

- additional items of interest were sent by email prior to the meeting.

7. Curator's Report

- Nancy has helped 4 or 5 people with family or house information since the last meeting.

- a donation has been received from the family of Mr. Albert Berscht

- the ABC Festival would like to post signs discussing aspects of the history of the festival - Nancy will look into providing information for them.

- bills for paying for website hosting cost (\$84.45) and registering the domain name (\$92.27) have come due. Nancy has paid these costs and Diane issued a cheque to reimburse her.
- Nancy is continuing her research on Michael Peter Empey, who lived in Hawkesville in the mid-nineteenth century. She has purchased a copy of a portrait of Empey by artist Paul Kane from the Winnipeg Art Gallery for the Historical collection. Diane reimbursed her \$45.20 for the cost.
- new displays are planned for the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival in September
- since the last meeting 631 people used the website 781 times, with 2309 page views. 76% of visitors were new and 24% returning.
- Nancy received some copies of photographs of Wellesley taken by Charles F. Ottmann, who was active as a photographer in 1904-05.
- the available issues of the *Wellesley Maple Leaf* newspaper are now online as of the end of May.
- Nancy plans to have historical information on the Instagram account during Canada Week (July 1-7).
- Nancy is looking into transferring the historical database using the Microsoft Access program.
- Nancy will not be available for the Historical Room open house on July 25th - staffing will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. New Business

- none

9. Next Meeting - Monday, July 13th, 2015, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. (moved by Carol/Garry).