

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, OCTOBER 26, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ron Hackett (chair), Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters
Regrets: Ross Kelterborn, Garry Peters, Peter Vandermaas
Guest: Lindsay Benjamin

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

2. Delegations

- Lindsay Benjamin, the Cultural Heritage Planner for Waterloo Region, provided an overview of the Region of Waterloo Public Building Inventory, which documents buildings of heritage value designed to serve the needs of the public (courthouses, post offices, civic buildings, transportation centres, cultural and recreational buildings, etc.) and which were constructed prior to 1951; 221 buildings from across the region are currently on the list
- copies of listings from Wellesley Township were distributed - any feedback on these should be sent to Lindsay by November 26
- Lindsay also spoke about the Doors Open program in 2015, and plans for the 2016 Doors Open on Saturday, September 17

3. Minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2015

- moved by Carol/Diane that the minutes be accepted as distributed

4. Business arising - none

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Carol reported that there is \$1498.59 in the Heritage Society chequing account. There is also a GIC for \$6599.45 + \$72.59 in accrued interest.
- Diane reported that there is \$2050.65 in the Historical Society chequing account.

6. Communications

- Nancy was contacted by James Arteaga, the summer student working with the regional HPAC, for information regarding the by-law for listing on the township heritage register

7. Curator's Report

- Nancy completed new displays on digitization of the Wellesley Maple Leaf, on Michael Peter Empey of Hawkesville, and on the Ottmann family photographs for the ABC Festival
- during the Historical Room open house at the ABC Festival 2 books and 3 DVDs were sold
- Nancy assisted a visitor from Colorado with family history research
- Nancy made a presentation on family resources available in our collection at a meeting of the local OGS branch; this could be done as a public talk in Wellesley, perhaps around Heritage Day
- Nancy is working on a backlog of administrative work

- during October there were 388 visits to the website, with 325 unique users
- Nancy was contacted to provide information on the Community Health Centre building to assist with an assessment being done
- Nancy spoke to someone about the former brewery in Bamberg, but has no information on it
- Nancy brought in information regarding the Jane's Walks for Peter Vandermaas, who had expressed interest in holding one in Wellesley
- a number of items have been identified for deaccessioning
- the by-law written in 2012 regarding the WTHHS needs to be updated
- money earned from book sales has been put into a petty cash fund - Nancy has spent \$187.42 from the fund on supplies and other costs, and there is still \$30.07 remaining. Motion: (Carol/Diane) to approve Nancy's expenses of \$187.42, with the cash to be taken from petty cash. Carried.

8. New Business

- Ron Hackett tendered a letter of resignation as chair and member of WTHHS, effective October 27, 2015. He was thanked for his service over many years.

9. Next Meeting - Monday, November 23rd, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. (moved by Carol/Diane).