

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, NOVEMBER 23, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

1. Call to order - 7:35 p.m. (Nancy)
2. Delegations - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2015
 - moved by Carol/Beth that the minutes be accepted as distributed
4. Business arising
 - Municipal Heritage Register - the township should have a Municipal Heritage by-law; Nancy will check the old LACAC files need to be checked to see if there is an old one; a new one should be drafted by the township planner with input from the Heritage Society
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 (no change)
 - Diane reported that there is \$2050.65 in the Historical Society chequing account (no change)
6. Communications
 - *Heritage Matters* magazine, which was previously sent to Ron Hackett, will now be sent directly to the Historical Room in the library
7. Curator's Report
 - Nancy has been receiving a increasing number of research requests (9 in 2010, 3, in 2011, 11 in 2012, 26 in 2013, 25 in 2014, 35 in 2015); there was some discussion as to whether we should be charging for this service, especially for those from out-of-town
 - website statistics - 2015 monthly average is 378 sessions, with 309 unique visitors and 1211 page views
 - Beth has been working on organizing the Wellesley Tweedsmuir histories; these were microfilmed in 1982 and Nancy has scanned them; the original copies of the Tweedsmuir histories from Linwood and Dorking are in the Linwood library and these have also been scanned
 - Nancy has spoken with former Women's Institute members Mae Baer and June Sellers; we now have WI minutes from 1919 to 2007, when the group disbanded; those from 191 to 1994 have been scanned
 - detailed listings have been created for the *Maple Leaf Journal* research files and the LACAC files

- the *911 Civic Addressing* article published in the Waterloo Historical Society annual volume in 2000 has been added to the website - this deals with the renaming of the roads in Wellesley township
- a list of 2015 donations was submitted for this year's WHS annual volume
- Ron Hackett's name has been removed from the contact list on Weebly (web hosting) and WHOIS (public database that lists contact information associated with domain names on the internet)
- Nancy has read the HPAC report which was discussed at the October meeting and will return it to Lindsay Benjamin
- Nancy has been in contact with Geoff VanerBaaren about the Municipal Heritage Register
- copies of the WTHHS constitution and by-laws from 1994 were located and distributed to members
- we are still waiting for further information regarding the Wellesley fire truck restoration project
- Beth has expressed interest in working on marketing for the Society, e.g., through Facebook

8. New Business

- election of chair - it is not necessary for the chair to be a resident of the township; Nancy is willing to serve as chair as long as this is not seen as a conflict of interest - she will do further investigation
- the constitution and by-laws need to be updated and revised to reflect the merger with the Heritage Society
- there was some discussion of future meetings and whether business meetings should be separate from social/informational meetings which would potentially attract more new members
- Nancy brought forward a number of items which could be deaccessioned, including some 1950s religious magazines, old building/electronic materials, and old business machines from the township office - MOTION (Carol/Garry) that we deaccession materials which do not fit into our collection mandate. CARRIED.

9. Next Meeting - Monday, January 11th, 2016, 7:30 p.m

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