

**Minutes**  
**WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEETING**  
**Monday, FEBRUARY 29, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Carol Gregory, Dave Holzschuh, Lauren Holzschuh, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Peter Van der Maas

1. Call to order - 7:30 p.m. (Nancy)
2. Delegations - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2016
  - moved by Ross/Carol that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.
4. Business arising
  - Municipal Heritage Register – Nancy has spoken with Geoff VanderBaaren from the Township offices and Marg Rowell from the Heritage Resources Centre, University of Waterloo. The list prepared in 2009 of 21 historic properties in the town of Wellesley provides a good starting point. Nancy will check re: up-to-date requirements for a Heritage Register submission.
  - constitution and by-laws – Nancy sent out a revised draft prior to the meeting. She distributed a copy of the by-law governing the heritage section of the society. Nancy and Grace Kosch from the township office will continue to work on revisions.
  - Council meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> – Nancy plans to attend to give a report on her work as curator in the past year. Someone else from the committee will need to attend to present the request for her contract renewal. Peter will check to see if he is eligible to do it, and if not Carol agreed to attend.
  - oral history meeting - Peter and Ross met to begin identifying residents who could provide information about the town's history and who might agree to be interviewed
  - signing authority – Beth gave Nancy the forms which need to be signed to change the signing authority for the Historical Society bank account
5. Treasurers' Reports
  - Carol reported that there is \$1500.59 in the Heritage Society chequing account.
  - Beth reported that there is \$2050.65 in the Historical Society chequing account (no change).
6. Communications
  - Nancy will forward an email received from Grace Kosch.
7. Curator's Report
  - there were 55 visitors to the Historical Room on Heritage Day
  - articles on the Ottmann photographs were published in several local papers during Heritage Week; Nancy sent copies of the press releases and articles to the donor, Steve Hanon

- 12 people visited the Historical Room during the February 27<sup>th</sup> open house
- website statistics – January/February averages were 1590 page views per month
- Nancy and Beth will be working on developing a Facebook page; the township now has a social media policy so they will be required to conform to that
- a digital map showing lots and concessions in the township prepared by Geoff VanderBaaren is being made available to researchers
- Nancy attended the talk by Robert Shipley on “The Economics of Heritage Development” given to members of the KW Association of Realtors on February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Ron Hackett has donated a number of items, including two ten-foot benches from an Amish Sunday school; Peter will check to see if someone from the township can pick these up
- the old office machines from the township will be deaccessioned; the New Dundee Creamery milk can will be donated to Wilmot township
- Julie Schnurr as asked to be replaced on the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame committee; anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Nancy
- *Building Stories* ([www.buildingstories.co](http://www.buildingstories.co)) is an online interactive inventory for historic sites in Canada which is available through the Heritage Resources Centre at the University of Waterloo; it can be used to submit information on Wellesley township buildings
- Beth plans to take modern photos of some of the historical buildings in town for the website
- Nancy was contacted by someone from a postcard club regarding setting up an information table at a meeting at Bingeman’s on March 20<sup>th</sup>; Nancy will attend in the morning

8. Next Meeting - Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7:30 p.m

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