

Historic Sites Committee

February 3, 2010

A meeting of the Historic Sites Committee was held in the Admin Room, Central Library at 4:35 p.m. with the following present:

Members: Hilary Bates Neary, Chair, Gina Barber, Jason Jordan, Gary Kerhoulas,, John Lutman, Arthur McClland, Margaret Mitchell, Mike Murphy, Cliff Oliver and Jonathan Vance;

Apologies: Anne McKillop

HS10/01 Minutes of December 2, 2009

It was MOVED by Mr. Vance and seconded by Mr. Oliver that the minutes from the December 2, 2009 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

HS10/02 Business Arising from the Minutes

Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque for Noble and Wolf v. Alley

Ms. Bates Neary advised Committee members on the status of the Noble and Wolf v Alley Plaque. The plaque commemorating Noble and Wolf v. Alley will be located at the London Courthouse in London, Ontario and, as the London Courthouse is not the courthouse where the case took place, a rationale should be provided in the plaque text to explain why the plaque was erected at this location.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada will be contacted for media releases. As well, the Heritage Council and Jonathan Sher at the London Free Press will be advised.

HS10/03 New Business

Future Goals and Funding

In progress.

HS10/03.1 Archives Project

Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland are almost finished the sorting process.

HS10/03.2 Walking Guide: Marketing and Updating Towards a New Edition?

There may be an opportunity for sale of the Walking Guide at the following events:

“Waste Free World” downtown - Sunday, April 11th
Planning Department has moved into the Capital Theatre location
Mainstreet’

This issue will be discussed again.

HS10/03.3 Updating New Plaques on LPL Website by UWO Public History Students

Students from Mr. Vance’s UWO Graduate History course are assisting on this project and the backlog will be solved by the beginning of April. Mr. Vance will contact Lisa Manax Skikos.

HS10/03.4 Plaques

In Development

Farmer’s Advocate & Cronyn House – (Farmer’s Advocate) Mr. Lutman will follow up for next meeting. (Cronyn House) In progress.

Plaque Suggestions Being Researched:

1. Albert E. Templar House, 607 Talbot Street (Anne)
2. Oronhyatekha House, 172 Central Avenue – Mr. Lutman and Mr. Kerhoulas will continue with research and creating possible plaque wording.
3. South Western Traction Line Station and Salvation Army Men's Hostel on Horton Street – Mr. Oliver distributed research materials for members to read before the next meeting.

It was MOVED by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Controller Barber that a decision whether to pursue this location for plaquing be made at the next meeting.

CARRIED

4. Pilgrim Canadian Reformed Church, Horton Street – More information will be provided at the next meeting.
5. Rex Theatre, Hamilton Road - The Ruggles Motor Truck Company property will be looked at to see if any part of the Rex Theatre still exists.

To Be Monitored: McCormick Manufacturing Company, Engine 86, Buchan House, Blackburn Sister & Co. – In progress.

HS10/04 Other Business

Correspondence from Norma Chicoine, London Municipal Chapter,
I.O.D.E.

Correspondence was received asking the Historic Sites Committee to explore the possibility of working to initiate research on the history of I.O.D.E. in London as they approach the 100th anniversary of its presence in London in 2011.

Ms. Bates Neary to follow up regarding a possible partnership opportunity.

HS10/05 LACH REPORT

February 2009

Heritage Alteration Permit:	711-713 Lorne Avenue
Reasons for Designation:	37 Wilson Avenue
Statements of Significance:	247 Epworth Avenue (Broughdale School)
	458 Simcoe Street

March 2009

Value Statement:	129-131 Wellington Street (Red Antiquities Building)
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April 2009

Heritage Alteration:	487 Dufferin Avenue
Statements of Significance:	1152 Dundas Street (Ruggles Motor Truck Company)
	900-925 King Street (Arts Building, Western Fair)

May 2009

Heritage Alteration:	211-213 Wortley Road
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June 2009

Items of Interest:	Anne McKillop was appointed to LACH as the Built Heritage representative.
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July 2009

Items of Interest:	Neglected and Abandoned Cemeteries Sarnia Road study
Value Statement:	2115 Wilton Grove Road

August 2009	
Heritage Alteration:	504 Colborne Street 293 Hyman Street 311 Hyman Street 41 Palace Street 270 St. James Street
Heritage Designation Application:	100 Stanley Street
Statement of Significance:	320 Princess Avenue
September 2009	
Application to Demolish:	177 Mill Street 179 Mill Street
Items of Interest:	Mayor's New Year's Honours List, 1976-2009
Statement of Significance:	205 Victoria Street
October 2009	
Heritage Alteration:	55 Centre Street 534 Queens Avenue (WOTCH)
Items of Interest:	John Manness was appointed to LACH as the Museums and Galleries representative. Report of Friends of the Brick Street Cemetery
Reasons for Designation:	55 Centre Street (Chestnut Hill)
Statement of Significance:	2056 Huron Street (House in the Grove)
November 2009	
Items of Interest:	Meadowlily Bridge information
December 2009	
Reasons for Designation:	228/230 Central Avenue 232 Central Avenue 234-236 Central Avenue 256 Central Avenue 262/262A Central Avenue 268 Central Avenue
Statement of Significance:	1156 Dundas Street (McCormick's)

HS10/06 OTHER EVENTS

Hilary Bates Neary will be the speaker for the joint meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society and the London Region Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday April 18th. Her topic will be the recent restoration of the cathedral.

On Thursday April 8th, Arthur McClelland will be the opening speaker for the upcoming series of talks entitled "Forgotten Stories of London". His topic will be the Beck Sanatorium which opened one hundred years ago on April 5th, 1910; Glen Curnoe will be speaking on April 15th on the Brick Street Cemetery; Mike Murphy will be speaking on the Jones family (AfroCanadians) in London on April 22nd; and Nancy Tausky will be speaking about Eldon House and its Georgian architecture on May 13th in honour of its 175th anniversary (1834-2009).

Also as part of the 175th anniversary of Eldon House, Leith Peterson and Arthur McClelland will be speaking on Thursday June 3rd about John Wilson and the Harris family, especially Amelia Harris.

HS10/06 Upcoming Meetings - 2010

April 7th

June 2nd

October 6th

December 1st

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.