Historic Sites Committee

June 2, 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 McClelland, Anne McKillop, Margaret Mitchell, Mike Murphy, Cliff Oliver and Jonathan Vance;

Apologies: none

HS10/15 Minutes of April 7, 2010

It was MOVED by Mr. Vance and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the minutes from the meeting be approved.  

CARRIED

HS10/17 Business Arising from the Minutes

IODE - Ms. Bates Neary reported that the IODE is Interested in the possibility of publishing a small booklet of the 100th anniversary of the IODE and have taken this idea to the their 100th Anniversary Committee. This potential partnership is on hold at the moment.

HS10/17.1 Noble and Wolf - More information will be available closer to an unveiling.

HS10/17.2 Updating of Plaques on LPL Website – Mr. Vance will send plaque texts to Mr. McClelland. All plaque texts will be completed by the end of the summer.

HS10/18 New Business

Car Free Sunday

The Committee viewed a presentation on Car Free Sunday held on April 11th, 2010. It is hoped that the event could be repeated again in the summer.

HS10/18.1 Website Update

Images have been uploaded onto the website but some work remains to be done.

HS10/18.2 Historic Sites Committee – Budget

Ms. Mitchell provided an update for members. The Mills project account contains $1,300. Fund development and sponsorship must be looked at
to raise money for new plaques. It was suggested that the Library Board might be willing to assist with funding until other options are able to be explored. Next year, an application may be submitted to the London Heritage Council.

HS10/18.3 Doidge Park Redevelopment

The City is designing a new entrance to Doidge Park at Wellington and Cheapside and will pay for the re-casting of the missing plaque.

HS10/18.4 Updating Historic Sites Committee Strategic Plan

Work needs to commence on updating the current Historic Sites Committee Strategic Plan. A task force consisting of Hilary Bates Neary, Margaret Mitchell and Jonathan Vance will prepare a draft plan for the October meeting. Committee members were urged to send suggestions to the Task Force members.

HS10/18.5 Archives

Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland are working on and recommendations will be made to the Committee

HS10/18.6 Letter from Alice Brona

The Committee continues to work on the suggestions of Ms. Brona to plaque 607 Talbot and 172 Central. Ms. Bates Neary will send a response to Ms. Brona.
Jonathan Vance suggested that once the new director of Native Studies at UWO is in place, we might be able to approach him/her to discuss joint funding for a plaque for the Oronhyatekha House at 172 Central.

HS10/19 Plaques

Cronyn House – A final text will be prepared for the October meeting.

Farmer’s Advocate – A final text will be prepared for the October meeting.

Dr. Oronhyatekha House – A final text will be prepared for the October meeting.

Dr. Maurice Bucke – Mr. Oliver will investigate whether there is a plaque already in place.

Farmer’s Advocate – The owner of Chaucer’s is receptive to a plaque being installed and a letter will be sent. A Library Board report will be prepared.
Albert E. Templar House, 607 Talbot Street - A draft plaque text will be prepared for October.

South Western Traction Line Station – Mr. Oliver will prepare a draft text for the October meeting.

St. John Ambulance - Mr. McClelland will prepare a draft text for the October meeting.

Isaac Crouse Plaque – Controller Barber will investigate the status of this plaque.

HS10/20 LACH REPORT

April 2010 - Statement of Significance - Meadowlily Bridge

May 2010 - Alterations - First Christian Reformed Church
477 Colborne Street
802 Hellmuth Avenue
848 Hellmuth Avenue
285 Hyman Street

HS10/21 OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Bates Neary will attend a meeting of the Hamilton Road Community Association on June 2, 2010

Mr. McClelland will be giving the following talks: John Wilson and the Harris’ of Eldon House on June 3rd, and Harriet Boomer at St. George’s Anglican Church. These talks as well as other will be put on the Library’s website.

Mr. Lutman will be retiring from U.W.O. on November 30th, 2010.

Ms. McKillop reported that Pathways has purchased the Antiquities Shop building. There will be an exterior restoration.

HS10/22 Upcoming Meetings - 2010

October 6th
December 1st

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.