

Historic Sites Committee

October 6, 2010

A meeting of the Historic Sites Committee was held in the Admin Room, Central Library at 4:30 p.m. with the following present:

Members: Hilary Bates Neary (Chair), Jason Jordan, Gary Kerhoulas, John Lutman, Arthur McClelland, Anne McKillop, Mike Murphy and Cliff Oliver;

Apologies: Gina Barber, Margaret Mitchell, Jonathan Vance.

HS10/23 Minutes of June 2, 2010

It was MOVED by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Ms. McKillop that the minutes from the meeting be approved.

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HS10/24 Business Arising from the Minutes

Noble and Wolf – Ms. Bates Neary has not received a response.

Hamilton Road Community Association – Ms. Bates Neary attended a meeting in June where a working committee was struck. We are awaiting further information.

HS10/25 New Business

London Digital Gallery, Part Two

Mr. McClelland reported that Part Two has been delayed because funding is ending with Knowledge Ontario at the end of 2010. If this funding is cut, photographs will be transferred to the LPL server. There is still some funding available from Friends of the London Public Library.

HS10/25.2 Historic Sites Committee Webpage Update

Longer explanations of the plaques have been sent to Mr. McClelland to be checked.

HS10/25.3 Historic Sites Committee Financial Update

\$1,079 is left in the budget. The Mills project money remains at \$1,301. There was discussion regarding future plaque funding and it was suggested that funding be sought from Friends of the London Public Library.

The Walking Guide could be included in packages introducing people to London. Tourism London should be contacted to see if the Walking Guide

could be included in information packages for the Figure Skating Championships in March, 2013.

HS10/25.4 Doidge Park Redevelopment

The City of London is re-casting the plaque and will erect it on a cairn at a new entrance to Doidge Park.

HS10/25.5 Updating Historic Sites Committee Strategic Plan

A meeting has been scheduled on November 4th, 2010 with Ms. Bates Neary, Mr. Vance and Ms. Mitchell to discuss the new strategic plan. Please send your suggestions to Ms. Bates Neary. A draft of the new plan will be prepared for the December 8th meeting.

HS10/25.6 Upcoming Library Programs

Mr. Chris Morgan, Scene Magazine, wrote a wonderful article about London Public Library, highlighted the London Room as the “jewel of the library”.

Mr. McClelland highlighted the following programs:

Forgotten Stories of London – James Reaney
Tolpuddle Martyrs – Arthur McClelland

HS10/26 Plaques

Albert E. Templar House, 607 Talbot Street - More discussion is needed.

Farmer’s Advocate

It was MOVED by Mr. Lutman and seconded by Mr. Oliver that the following plaque wording be approved:

The Farmer’s Advocate

From 1920-1965 site of the offices of the “Farmer’s Advocate”, Canada’s foremost agricultural newspaper. Founded in 1866 as a monthly by its first editor, William Weld, it carried reports of fairs, scientific advances in agriculture, and regional stock sales. The journal ceased publication in 1965. [45 words]

Oakwood, 602 Queens Avenue – Plaque wording to be considered at the next meeting.

South Western Traction Line Station – A draft text was prepared. Please email suggestions to Mr. Oliver. This will be considered again at the next meeting.

St. John Ambulance - Mr. McClelland reported that the property may be for sale.

Isaac Crouse – The plaque will be re-mounted when repairs are completed on the King Street bridge.

King Street Bridge – Mr. Oliver will determine if plaque is still in place.

Oronhyatekha M.D. – A draft text was prepared.

Industrial Banner – A meter machine is now located in front of the plaque. Ms. Bates Neary will speak with the Manager at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

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LACH REPORT

June 2010

Alterations: 491-493 Ontario Street, 907 Queens Avenue, 513 Talbot Street (First Christian Reformed Church)

Demolitions: 529 Talbot Street

Items of Interest:

Development Opportunities and Constraints Analysis for the Block Northeast of Richmond Street and Central Avenue (January 2010)

July 2010

Alterations: 520 Princess Street, 639 Talbot Street

Designation Statements: 100 Stanley Street

August 2010

Alterations: 294 Central Avenue
477 Colborne Street
802 Hellmuth Avenue
848 Hellmuth Avenue
802 Queens Avenue
332 St. James Street
642 Waterloo Street

Items of Interest: Mayor's New Year's Honour List (1976-2010), Heritage Nominees (1989-2010)

September 2010

Alterations: 505 Princess Avenue

Items of Interest: London Psychiatric Hospital Area Plan Alternative Land Use Concepts (June 2010)

HS10/28 Upcoming Meetings - 2011

February 9th, March 22nd, June 8th, October 5th and December 7th, 2011

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.