

Historic Sites Committee

Meeting of December 3, 2008

A meeting of the Historic Sites Committee was held in the Admin Room, Central Library at 4:40 p.m. with the following present:

Members: Hilary Bates Neary, Chair, Gina Barber, John Lutman, Jason Jordan, Arthur McClelland, Anne McKillop, Margaret Mitchell and Jonathan Vance;

Apologies: Mike Murphy, Cliff Oliver, Gary Kerhoulas;

Guest: Deanna Jones, London Heritage Council.

HS08/26 Minutes of the October 8, 2008

Under HS08/23.3, "Doige" should be spelled "Doidge",

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Dr. Vance that the minutes from the October 8, 2008 meeting be approved as amended.

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HS08/27 Business Arising from the Minutes

Doidge Park Plaque – The plaque is missing and Ms. Bates Neary has made an inquiry to the Parks Department.

HS08/28 New Business

London Heritage Council Website and Hub Development

Ms. Bates Neary welcomed Deanne Jones from the London Heritage Council. Ms. Jones explained that the London Heritage Council is an umbrella organization and serves as networks for museums and historical organizations in London. She provided information to the Committee through a Powerpoint presentation outlining the new website (londonheritage.ca) to be launched in 2009. A list of all plaques in London will be included on their website. It was suggested that the Walking Guide be included on the site as well.

HS08/28.1 Rotary Historic Bus Tour Proposal

Discussion continues.

HS08/28.2 Locust Mount: Monitoring Site Recognition

If support is needed for ACO's proposal, it will be provided at a later date.

HS08/28.3 LPL Website and Historic Sites Committee

The Historic Sites Committee section is under the history portion of the LPL website. It was suggested that the London Room be highlighted as the location to go to for more information.

Currently, the Walking Guide is not on the LPL website. The committee expressed enthusiasm to have the Walking Guide on the LPL website which could be linked to the London Heritage Council website. Permission for copyrighted photographs should be investigated. Mr. Lutman will follow up.

There are plaques that were mounted after The Walking Guide was published which could be added to the website. There are other books which are out of print such as The Historic Heart of London which could be scanned into the website.

Ms. Mitchell will follow up.

HS08/28.4 Mills Project: Thames Corridor Study Plans

Phase II is moving towards completion. Ms. Bates Neary will contact Bruce Page at the City of London before the February meeting.

HS08/28.5 Walking Guide –Sale at OGS and Further Ideas re: Marketing

Marketing staff are bundling library merchandise and the The Walking Guide into gift sets for Christmas sales. The possibility of providing online ordering was discussed.

Ms. Mitchell will bring a report back on finances to the February meeting.

HS08/28.6 HSC Archives

Ms. Bates Neary, Mr. McClelland and Mr. Jordan will continue to work on this project.

HS08/28.7 Edward Richmond Plaque and HSMBC

In progress.

HS08/29 Plaques

Future

Benjamin Cronyn Jr. House/Central Baptist Church/Infotech Farmer's Advocate – In progress

Industrial Banner – Ms. Bates Neary provided information on this plaque. More discussion is needed at the February meeting. The Labour Council may be interested in co-sponsorship of this plaque.

Farmer's Advocate, Watson Porter – Mr. Lutman will meet with Mr. Wilcox at the Upper Thames Conservation Authority regarding placing the plaque on this site.

Dawn of Tomorrow – Mr. Murphy will report at the February meeting.

HS08/29.1 To Be Monitored

Engine 86 – In progress.

Buchan House – This property has now been sold to My Sister's Place and Ms. Bates Neary will be in touch with the buyer.

Blackburn Sisters – Ms. Bates Neary will follow up.

HS08/29.2 To be Mounted in London Room

Locust Mount – In progress

St. Peter's Rectory – In progress.

HS08/30 LACH Reports (November, 2008)

CHO News, October 2008 issue - "Marking our Heritage in Ontario" includes information on the Middlesex Heritage Trail in the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

Legacy of London: The London Heritage Advisory Council Update

London's First Brick Works

London's Only Limestone Quarry

London's Surviving Paved Brick Street

Reasons for Designation: 331-335 Talbot Street (Brunswick Hotel)

It was suggested by Ms. McKillop that an individual is needed on the Stewardship Committee, a sub-committee of LACH to assist with heritage research.

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Upcoming Meetings

February 4th

April 1st

June 3rd

October 7th

December 2nd

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.