

Historic Sites Committee

Meeting of October 8, 2008

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, John Lutman, Arthur McClelland, Anne McKillop, Margaret Mitchell, Mike Murphy, Cliff Oliver and Jason Jordan

Apologies: Jonathan Vance, Gary Kerhoulas

HS08/20 Minutes of the May 7, 2008

The name "Lamely Baptist Church" should be clarified to read "Lamly Memorial Wesleyan Methodist Church."

It was MOVED by Ms. McKillop and seconded by Ms. Mitchell that the minutes from the May 7, 2008 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

HS08/21 Business Arising from the Minutes

Friend of the Year

Ms. Bates Neary was acknowledged as Friend of the Year by the Friends of London Public Library at their AGM in September. Historic Sites Committee members congratulated her on this accomplishment. Ms. Bates Neary decided to give the \$200 gift to the London Room.

HS08/22 New Business

Rotary Historic Bus Tour Proposal

Ms. Bates Neary has contacted Susan at the East London Rotary Club regarding pursuing this idea for the Fall, 2009. More information is needed from Rotary regarding their commitment to this project. Ms. McKillop, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Kerhoulas and Mr. Vance will meet to discuss further and invite a member from Rotary to attend. It was pointed out that a substantial amount of personal time would have to be invested in this project. A further report will be provided at the next meeting of the Committee on December 3rd.

HS08/22.1 Locust Mount: Monitoring Site Recognition

Ms. Bates Neary will write a letter to the Planning Committee.

HS08/22.2 LPL Website and Historic Sites Committee

In progress.

HS08/22.3 Mills Project: Thames Corridor Study Plans

Phase 2 has commenced and Ms. Bates Neary will send a reminder. Ms. Barber will find out when the next meeting will be scheduled. Ms. Bates Neary will attend the next meeting.

- HS08/22.4 Walking Guide –Sale at OGS and Further Ideas re: Marketing
- Mr. McClelland sold fourteen copies at the OGS conference.
- Mr. McClelland and Mr. Richardson are working at doing lectures on “Lost London” and the books could be sold there. Books can also be sold on walking tours.
- HS08/22.5 HSC Archives
- Mr. Jordan, Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland are making progress on compiling a complete set of minutes and plaque information.
- HS08/22.6 Edward Richmond Plaque and HSMBC
- The Committee is waiting to hear if proposal would be accepted from the Minister of the Environment for the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.
- HS08/23 Plaques
- Future
- Benjamin Cronyn Jr. House/Central Baptist Church/Infotech Farmer’s Advocate
- Mr. McClelland
- Farmer’s Advocate/Watson Porter – Mr. Lutman
- Mr. Lutman has prepared wording for a plaque. The location is to be determined, Chaucer’s, 44 Windsor Avenue or Upper Thames Office.
- Dawn of Tomorrow – Mr. Murphy
- Mr. Murphy has had discussions with the Jenkins family regarding the location of the plaque. The original home is not standing nor is the printing location. Mr. Murphy will prepare draft text for the next meeting and also find out where the printing was done on Richmond Street. The family has expressed interest in having the plaque placed at London Public Library.
- Industrial Banner – Ms. Bates Neary
- The publication began in London and was initially printed in a home at 425 Grey Street.
- HS08/23.1 To be Monitored
- Engine 86 – Referred to staff.
- Buchan House – The house is still on the market and LACH will keep the committee informed if there is any change. Ms. Bates Neary will contact the real estate agent.
- Blackburn Sisters – Ms. Bates Neary will contact again in December.
- HS08/23.2 To be Mounted in London Room
- Locust Mount – The plastic covering over the text was originally done in-house and Mr. McClelland will contact Nothers.
- St. Peter’s Rectory – In progress.
- HS08/23.3 Status of Plaques
- Mr. Oliver provided information on the following plaques:
- Arthur Stringer plaque is on a house on Elmwood Avenue. The plaque is still there but inaccessible. Mr. Oliver will approach owners to see if the plaque can be moved to be more visible location.
- Boomer House plaque inside Beal Secondary School – Members of the public are unable to view the plaque because the school doors on Dundas Street are closed. Mr.

Oliver will speak the Principal regarding the possibility of moving the plaque to the outside of the building on Dundas Street.

Doidge Park – The plaque is missing. Ms. Bates Neary will follow up.

HS08/23.4 To Be Repaired

Mechanics Institute – Mr. McClelland will contact Facilities for repair.

HS08/24 LACH Reports (June to October, 2008)

June

Applications to Demolish: 1269 Hyde Park Road (Priority One)
754 Maitland Street (Priority One)
600 Sanatorium Road (Priority One)

Rezoning: 78 and 80 Oxford Street West
(Priority Two)

July

Reasons for Designation: 1603 Hamilton Road

August

Alteration: Approved for 512 Colborne Street

September

Alteration: Approved for St. Paul's Cathedral

Applications to Demolish: 792 Southdale Road West

Heritage Designation Application: 458 Simcoe Street
205 Victoria Street

Items of Interest: London Heritage Council
Nancy Tausky's letter regarding chimneys at 338 St. James Street

October

Heritage Alteration Permit: 512 Colborne Street

Heritage Designation Application: 825 Richmond Street

Reasons for Designation: 228-230 Central Avenue
232 Central Avenue
234-236 Central Avenue
256 Central Avenue
262-262a Central Avenue
268 Central Avenue

London Room
New microfilm reader/printers
New photocopier – 10 cents a copy
New display case

HS08/25 Upcoming Meetings

2008: December 3rd

2009:

February 4th

April 1st

June 3rd

October 7th

December 2nd

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.