Historic Sites Committee  

Meeting of March 5, 2008

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, Gina Barber, Jason Jordan, John Lutman, Arthur McClelland, Margaret Mitchell, Mike Murphy and Cliff Oliver;

Apologies: Gary Kerhoulas, Anne McKillop and Jonathan Vance

**HS08/07 Welcome**

Ms. Bates Neary welcomed Controller Barber to the Historic Sites Committee.

**HS08/08 Minutes of the January 9, 2008 Meeting**

It was MOVED by Mr. Lutman and seconded by Mr. Oliver that the minutes from the January 9, 2008 meeting be approved.  
CARRIED

**HS08/09 Business Arising from the Minutes**

A sympathy card to Ms. Spicer’s Family was sent.

**HS08/10 New Business**

**Rotary Historic Bus Tour Proposal**

The Historic Sites Committee has been invited to work with the Rotary Club on another historic tour. The Club has suggested that it could be a bus tour (London’s double decker bus) and the route would be designed by the Historic Sites Committee. Ms. Bates Neary provided the script of the information currently used on the City’s double decker bus tour.

It was clarified that there would be no cost to the Historic Sites Committee regarding the double decker bus. Members discussed the length of the tour, the number of people who may attend, the script content and the route. This tour could be marketed to seniors’ groups.

It was MOVED by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Controller Barber that Ms. Bates Neary advise the Rotary Club that a fall date or sometime in 2009 would be more appropriate for the Historic Sites Committee to proceed with this project.  
CARRIED

**HS08/10.1 Locust Mount: Monitoring Site Recognition**

Ms. Bates Neary made a presentation to the Planning Committee. There is a plan to replicate the façade of the building where the stone wall is being retained. The garden idea was referred back for further consideration. An email will be sent to LACH regarding replication.
LPL Website and HSC

Mr. McClelland will check to see that there is a section on the Historic Sites Committee under local history on the LPL website. The City’s heritage section has a link to the London Public Library website. Ms. Mitchell will work with Ms. Sage to promote the Historic Sites Committee on the LPL website.

Mills Project

The Committee has offered to work with the City on the Thames Corridor Study, Phase Two to recognize and interpret Mill sites.

Walking Guide – New Strategies for Marketing

Ms. Mitchell will follow up on ideas for selling the Walking Guide to Museum London and the variety store at the Hilton. Mr. McClelland will look at the possibility of selling the Walking Guide at an upcoming OGS conference.

HSC Archives

Good progress is being made.

Annual Census of Plaques: Volunteers?

Mr. Oliver has agreed to prepare a census of the plaques.

Plaques – Lost, Future, to be monitored

Future

Benjamin Cronyn Jr. House/Central Baptist Church/Infotech – Mr. McClelland and Mr. Lutman continue to work on this plaque.

Watson Porter – John Lutman

Dawn of Tomorrow – Mike Murphy

Farmer’s Advocate – Hilary Neary

Industrial Banner – Arthur McClelland

To be Monitored

Engine 86

Buchan House – Mr. McClelland advised that this property is up for sale. Ms. Bates Neary will contact the real estate agent.

Blackburn Sisters

To be Mounted in London Room

Locust Mount

St. Peter’s Rectory

Lost

Norton Attawandaron Village

Green Gables – Richmond Street

African Methodist Episcopal Church – Thames Street

Carling Brewery

McCormick Manufacturing Company
Mechanics Institute – Since plexiglass is damaged, Mr. McClelland will ask Facilities to take down.

LACH Report – A. McClelland

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Designations: Proposed Statement of Significance for 90 Central Avenue (Firbrae/Blackfriars), 714 Chester Street

Permits to Demolish: 661 Talbot Street (Locust Mount)

Points of Interest: CHO News – CHO Workshop in London at Elsie Perrin Williams Estate – Lecture by Nancy Tausky
LACH’s Mandate

Upcoming Meetings

May 7th
September 24th
November 5th

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.