

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

March 22, 2011

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, Arthur McClelland, Anne McKillop, Margaret Mitchell, Mike Murphy, Jennifer Nelson, Cliff Oliver and Jonathan Vance;

Apologies: Scott Courtice, Jason Jordan

HS11/09 New Committee Members

Ms. Bates Neary welcomed Ms. Nelson and Ms. Barber to the meeting. Official appointment to the Committee will be made at the Library Board meeting on March 24, 2011.

HS11/10 Election of Chair

Mr. Murphy nominated Ms. Bates Neary

Ms. Bates Neary was acclaimed Chair, 2011.

It was MOVED by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Oliver that Ms. Bates Neary be appointed as Chair, Historic Sites Committee, 2011.

CARRIED

HS11/11 Minutes of February 9, 2011

It was MOVED by Ms. McKillop and seconded by Mr. Oliver that the minutes from the meeting of February 9, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

HS11/12 Business Arising from the Minutes

Farmer's Advocate Plaque

Ms. Bates Neary has been in contact with Mr. Pribil, owner of the Marienbad restaurant. Mr. Pribil and Ms. Nurse will decide on a date/time in the May or June for the plaque unveiling. Mr. Glen Curnoe has been asked to speak at this event.

HS11/12.1 Urban League

This will be delayed to May/June. It was suggested that Committee members might do a presentation and offer to assist

neighbourhood community associations who are doing historical work in their area.

HS11/12.2 African Methodist Episcopal Church

Currently, the Church does not have a plaque. This was one of the first plaques put up by the Committee but it was removed by the previous owner. A copy of the plaque (plastic) has been ordered for installation in the London Room.

The present owner, Aboutown, will be installing a new plaque in honour of an individual. The Historic Sites Committee will not be part of this plaquing process as it is inconsistent with the Committee's practice.

HS11/12.3 War of 1812 Sites - deferred to June 8th meeting.

HS11/12.4 Bank of Nova Scotia

Ms. Mitchell will contact Impark about moving the sign that is blocking the plaque.

HS11/12.5 Historic Sites Strategic Plan

The Historic Sites Strategic Plan will be going to the London Public Library Board meeting of March 24th, 2011 for approval.

HS11/13 New Business

Grant Application to London Community Foundation

Ms. Bates Neary and Ms. Mitchell are currently working on submitted a grant application for \$6,000. Will find out the timeline for approval.

Ms. Bates Neary advised that there is the possibility of working with Hamilton Road Community Association. The following sites will be researched:

Crouch Library – Ms. Barber
Homister House – Ms. McKillop
Oil refining industry – Ms. Nelson
Spartans – Mr. Vance
Rumble Trucks – Mr. McClelland
All Saints Church
Race Track

- HS11/13.1 Historic Sites Committee Webpage Update
- To support this project, \$600 is being requested in the grant application to London Community Foundation. Plaque information must be entered individually so that it is fully searchable. This is a very labour intensive task.
- Mr. Vance has completed the text work. Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland will work on accompanying photographs.
- HS11/13.2 Financial Update
- Ms. Mitchell advised that there is \$400 remaining in the Historic Sites account. There is still \$1,300 in the Mills project account.
- HS11/13.3 The Walking Guide: Library Store
- The Library Store will continue to sell The Walking Guide.
- HS11/13.4 Municipal Chapter, IODE
- The IODE will be preparing a 200 page book outlining 100 years of the organization.
- HS11/13.5 HSC Archives
- Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland continue to work on archiving the work of the Historic Sites Committee.
- Four plaques will be mounted in the London Room.
- HS11/13.6 London Hydro
- Mr. Bates Neary has contacted London Hydro about the possibility of placing a plaque. They are willing to pay for the plaque.
- HS11/13.7 What we mean by "historic"?
- Committee members discussed the meaning of "historic". There was discussion about what is the upper date limit to be considered historic.
- Mr. Vance will prepare a list of Historic Sites plaques and their decade.
- This will be discussed again a future meeting.
- HS11/13.8 LACH
- LACH has started to move into the area of historic plaquing. Ms. Mitchell will contact Mr. Don Menard to discuss further.

HS11/14 Plaques

Farmer's Advocate: As previously discussed, Ms. Nurse and Mr. Pribil will decide on a plaque unveiling date/time in May or June, 2011.

Oakwood: Text needs to be finalized. Edited version will be discussed at the June 8th meeting. Draft text to be sent to Brian Meehan.

Albert Templar House: Text needs to be finalized for June 8th meeting. A letter will be sent to the property owner. Draft text to be sent to Brian Meehan.

Dr. Oronhyatekha: Text needs to be finalized for June 8th

Southwestern Traction Line: Mr. Oliver will complete the text for the June 8th meeting.

General Charles Foulkes: Mr. Vance will prepare information for the June 8th meeting.

HS11/15 Upcoming Meetings - 2011

June 8th; October 5th; and December 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.