

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

December 3, 2014

A meeting of the Historic Sites Committee was held in the Admin Room, Central Library at 4:04 p.m. with the following present:

Members: Jonathan Vance (Chair), Gina Barber, Hilary Bates Neary, Maridon Duncanson, Sarah Gibson, Ellen Hobin, Jason Jordan, Arthur McClelland, Anne McKillop and Mike Murphy;

Apologies: Scott Courtice

HS14/23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Ms. Bates Neary and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the minutes of the October 1, 2014, (HS14/15-HS14/22) meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

HS14/24 NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

Oil Industry/All Saints Church

Since there is no funding available from Imperial Oil, representatives from All Saints Church have said that this plaque will not proceed until the Spring of 2015.

HS14/24.1 John Herbert Chapman

A date for the plaque unveiling will be finalized in 2015. Western is planning a large event and reception with the Head of the Canadian Space Agency in attendance.

HS14/24.2 Financial Report

Ms. Hobin reported that there is currently \$2,400 in the account as well as the Mills Project funding.

It was MOVED by Ms. Barber and seconded by Mr. McClelland that the Financial report for December be received.

CARRIED

HS14/24.3 HSC Procedure Manual for Development and Installation of Historic Plaques

A final draft of the HSC Procedure Manual for Development and Installation of Historic Plaques was distributed.

It was MOVED by Ms. Bates Neary and seconded by Ms. Duncanson that the HSC Procedure Manual for Development and Installation of Historic Plaques be approved.

CARRIED

HS14/25 PLAQUE SUGGESTIONS

Lt. Colonel Edwin Seaborn

The Medical Artifact Collection Department at Western University is interested in completely funding or co- funding this plaque subject to the agreement of the text. A location for the plaque is still being discussed. Mr. McClelland will send a list of addresses to Mr. Vance.

HS14/25.1 First LPL Branch (Carson) for 100th Anniversary

Mr. Murphy prepared draft wording for the Carson Branch Library plaque for the 100th anniversary in December, 2015.

Ms. Hobin will contact the Aeolian Hall about the possibility of placing the plaque on this property. There will be fund development done to pay for this plaque.

Mr. Murphy will prepare a second draft for the February meeting.

HS14/24.2 Hunt Dam

A request has been received by LACH from Jay Hunt to have the Hunt Dam on the south Thames River at Richmond Street declared a heritage site and to have an historical plaque installed.

Mr. Vance will speak to Mr. Menard to continue discussions about this site.

HS14/25.3 Waverley Mansion

The location of the Waverly Mansion plaque #52, installed on December 6, 2001 was discussed. Ms. Duncanson will check to see if the plaque is inside the building.

HS14/25.4 Christ Anglican Church

Mr. Charles Addington has made a suggestion to install a plaque at this site. Mr. Vance will look at the history of the church and report back at the February meeting.

HS14/25.5 Roundhouse

Mr. Jordan will gather information on this site for the February meeting.

HS14/26 LACH REPORTS

October 2014:

Demolition: 445-447-449 Dundas Street
420 Fanshawe Park Road

Heritage Alterations: 317 Hyman Street (approved)

Items of Interest: Cultural Interpretation Signage
213-215 Dundas Street (Duffield Block)
229-231 Dundas Street (Mechanics' Institute)
103-105 King Street (Burr ridge Block)
Edge Block
Whiskey Row
1603 Hamilton Road

Mark Tovey, new member of LACH Stewardship Subcommittee

November 2014:

Heritage Alterations: 845 Hellmuth Avenue (approved)

Items of Interest: Cultural Interpretation Signage
London Plan

Reasons for Designation: 2270 Sheffield Place

HS14/27 OTHER BUSINESS

Noble & Wolf v. Alley Plaque

Mr. Vance will contact Mr. Tim Gatten, assistant to Susan Truppe M.P., regarding the Noble and Wolf v. Alley Plaque. Mr. McClelland will provide contact information to Mr. Vance for Jack Rosen.

HS14/27.1 Oakwood Plaque

The Oakwood plaque event was held on November 6th, 2014 at Info Tech Research Group on 602 Queens Avenue.

HS14/27.2 African Methodist Episcopal Church 1848-1869

On November 12, 2014, the African Methodist Episcopal Church (also known as the Fugitive Slave Chapel) was moved from 275 Thames Street to an empty lot on Grey Street adjacent to Beth Emmanuel Church.

HS14/27.3 Plaque Locations

Ms. Maridon continues to search for and take photos of all HSC plaques in the City. It was suggested that photos and location information be added to the LPL website.

HS14/27.4 Simpson's Christmas Windows Booklet

This booklet is now available for purchase.

HS14/27.5 Bicycle History Plaques

Three plaques are to be erected on bikepaths in the City. The first bicycle shop in Canada was on Dundas Street in London.

HS14/27.6 History of Byron

A series of talks were held about regarding the history of the Byron area. Mr. McClelland offered a virtual tour of Byron and Ms. Bates Neary provided information on the Mills in Byron. The program was very well attended.

HS14/27.7 LACH

Ms. Gibson reported that LACH will be starting an Archeological Committee.

HS14/28 MEETING DATES – 2015

February 4th, April 1st, June 3rd, October 7th, December 2nd

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.