

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

February 4, 2015

A meeting of the Historic Sites Committee was held in the Admin Room, Central Library at 4:15 p.m. with the following present:

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

Apologies: Sarah Gibson

HS15/01 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. McClelland that the minutes of the December 3, 2014 (HS14/23-HS14/28) meeting be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

HS15/02 NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

Oil Industry/All Saints Church

Mr. Vance is continuing discussions with the rector of the church. Mr. Vance was contacted by Ted Fitzgerald, whose great grandfather was part of the oil industry.

HS15/02.1 John Herbert Chapman

Mr. Vance will contact Charmaine Dean, Dean of Science at Western University regarding plans for the plaque unveiling.

HS15/02.2 Financial Report

This report was received at the last meeting of December 3, 2014. Totals remain at \$2,400 in the general account and \$1,300 in the Mills Project Fund.

HS15/02.3 Uploading of Images on Library Website

Mr. McClelland will work with Ms. Hobin on the issue of copyright with regard to images on the Library's website. Ms. Bates Neary will prepare wording for the Procedures Manual for Development and Installation of Historic Plaques in regards to images and copyright.

HS15/02.4 Parks Canada Plaque

Parks Canada is working on selecting a date for this plaquing event. Suggested weeks are March 16th and April 6th or 13th. The Historic Sites Committee plans to attend this event.

HS15/03 PLAQUE SUGGESTIONS

Lt. Colonel Edwin Seaborn

Mr. McClelland suggested the site of 469 Clarence, which is currently Bell Canada's parking lot, as the building has been torn down. The possibility of placing the plaque on Bell Canada's building was discussed. Ms. Hobin will first contact Bell Canada about this possible site. Mr. McClelland will draft a plaque text.

HS15/03.1 First LPL Branch (Carson) for 100th Anniversary

Mr. Murphy prepared wording for the Carson Branch Library plaque for the 100th Anniversary in December, 2015. Ms. Hobin will bring the two proposed sites of Aeolian Hall and the current Carson Branch site to Senior Team for their suggestion.

It was MOVED by Ms. Bates Neary and seconded by Ms. Duncanson that the plaque text as amended be approved as follows:

LONDON'S FIRST BRANCH LIBRARY

London Public Library's first branch, the East Branch Library, opened 23 December 1915 in the London East Town Hall at Rectory and Dundas streets, to meet the growing demand of East Londoners for reading materials. The branch moved to the corner of Quebec and Dufferin in 1926, and was renamed after William Oliver Carson (Librarian, 1906-1916) in 1961. The present building was erected in 1977.

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HS15/03.2 Hunt Dam

Mr. Vance will speak to Mr. Menard to continue discussion about this site with regard to the Mills Project. A proposal is being considered for submission to Andrew McPherson, the city's Parks Planning Manager, about renaming the park to Hunt Park.

HS15/03.3 Christ Anglican Church

The Historic Sites Committee will not be going forward with a plaque for this location.

HS15/03.4 Roundhouse

Mr. Jordan will provide more information at the next meeting.

HS15/03.5 Nature London

Mr. McClelland has researched several possible locations. An outdoor setting is preferred by Nature London and the Committee was in agreement. Arthur suggested the Civic Gardens as a good location. Winnifred Wake, from Nature London, will be approached to discuss recommended location and next steps.

HS15/04 LACH REPORTS

Mr. McClelland reported that LACH is seeking a volunteer to sit on the Built Heritage Sub-Committee.

December 2014:
Heritage Alteration
Permit Applications:

596 Dufferin Avenue
176-178 Dundas Street (Zeller's)
165 Elmwood Avenue East (London Normal School)
797 Hellmuth Avenue
43-45 Palace Street
576 Richmond Street

Delegated authority for heritage alteration permits

Items of Interest: London's Cycling History
Reasons for Designation: 2770 Sheffield Place
Request for Demolition: 420 Fanshawe Park Road East

January 2015:
Heritage Alteration Permit Applications:
596 Dufferin Avenue - Approved
176-178 Dundas Street (Zeller's)- Approved
165 Elmwood Avenue East (London Normal School) - Approved
797 Hellmuth Avenue- Approved if conditions met
43-45 Palace Street – Approved
1576 Richmond Street - Approved subject to conditions

Items of Interest:
LACH Terms of Reference
London Doorways in the City of London

HS15/05 OTHER BUSINESS

African Methodist Church

The Committee agreed that the plaque (which was removed and was lost) should be replaced on the building once it is open to the public. Jonathan will send a letter to reach out to the Church's Minister Delta McNeish.

HS15/06 INFORMATION ITEMS

Heritage Fair 2015: Honouring Our Veterans

This year's Heritage Fair features Jonathan Vance as keynote speaker and takes place on February 21 at the Central Library. Arthur McClelland and Mark Richardson are coordinating the event on behalf of LPL

HS15/07 MEETING DATES – 2015

Meetings will start at 4:15 p.m, on April 1st, June 3rd, October 7th, December 2nd

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.