

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

June 10, 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, Sarah Gibson and Ellen Hobin;

Apologies: Jason Jordan, Gloria Leckie, Arthur McClelland, Mike Murphy and Anne McKillop.

HS15/14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Ms. Bates Neary and seconded by Ms. Barber that the minutes of the April 1, 2015 (HS15/08-HS15/13) meeting be approved.

CARRIED

HS15/15 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Vance reported that the John Herbert Chapman unveiling on April 13th, 2015 was a great success and well attended.

The Noble & Wolf v. Alley plaque was unveiled by Parks Canada on April 14th at the Wolf Performance Hall. The plaque will be installed at the Courthouse.

Ms. Bates Neary reported that a plaque erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to commemorate the International Joint Commission (between USA and Canada) in Gibbons Park has gone missing.

The Norton Attawandaron Village plaque, currently missing, was unveiled in 1994 and cost \$350.00. It is unclear when the plaque disappeared.

HS15/16 NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

Oil industry/All Saints Church

Mr. Vance reported that he was contacted by Reverend Little about a month ago and this plaque is still in progress. He also spoke to Ted Fitzgerald, grandson of the original refinery owner, and indicated that he will continue to be in contact as the process continues.

HS15/16.1 Financial Report

Ms. Hobin reported that there is currently \$3,737 in the HSC budget, \$2,436 of which is in the general activity account.

HS15/16.2 Website Updating

Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland continue to ensure that images and texts for all plaques erected since the publication of the Walking Guide are complete. All research material should be passed on for inclusion in the archives.

HS15/17 PLAQUE SUGGESTIONS

Lt. Colonel Edwin Seaborn (Arthur/Jonathan)

Mr. Vance reported that the Medical School at Western is willing to fund this plaque. Suggested dates in 2016 include: April (Founder's Day), May or August. It has been suggested that there be two plaques, one at the Medical School and one at his prime residence (now a parking lot, Bell Canada, 469 Clarence Street)

Mr. Vance will draft a plaque text and circulate to HSC members. Mr. Vance will provide contact information at Western to Ms. Hobin who will prepare an agreement letter. Ms. Hobin will contact Bell Canada .

HS15/17.1 First LPL Branch (Carson) on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary

Ms. Hobin reported that the Aeolian Hall will host this plaque, and the unveiling will be close to the anniversary date of December 23rd, 2015

HS15/17.2 Hunt Mill

Ms. Bates Neary prepared draft wording for the plaque which will be designed, funded and installed as part of a City of London initiative. A meeting was held with Don Menard, with Ms. Bates Neary and Ms. Hobin attending to discuss a possible location. The City is working on preparing a uniform template for all plaques on City property (350 words plus images).

It was MOVED by Ms. Bates Neary and seconded by Ms. Barber that the draft text wording be approved with changes being made through the consent of the HSC members.

CARRIED

HS15/17.3 Roundhouse

No report.

HS15/17.4 Nature London

Ms. Maridon provided a brief history on Nature London. Locations include Westminster Ponds, Springbank Park, Fanshawe Conservation Area and Civic Gardens Complex.

Mr. Vance will contact Nature London about a preferred location and advise the HSC. It was noted that the HSC must fund this plaque.

Ms. Maridon will draft a plaque text for the next meeting.

HS15/17.5 The Hume Cronyn Memorial Observatory

Mr. Vance reported that the HSC has been asked about installing a plaque at the Hume Cronyn Memorial Observatory to mark its 75th anniversary in October. Committee members discussed the timing of this plaque and suitability of this site.

Mr. Vance will respond that the HSC is interested but an October unveiling is not realistic. It was noted that funding would need to be covered by the university.

HS15/18 LACH REPORTS

No report.

HS15/19 OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Barber provided information on generating electricity as it relates to the Hunt Mill.

Ms. Hobin will send an action list to HSC members after each meeting

HS15/20 MEETING DATES – 2015

October 7th, December 2nd

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.