

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

October 7, 2015

A meeting of the Historic Sites Committee was held in the Admin Room, Central Library at 4:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members: Jonathan Vance (Chair), Hilary Bates Neary, Maridon Duncanson, Sarah Gibson, Ellen Hobin, Arthur McClelland and M. Murphy;

Apologies: G. Barber, Jason Jordan, Gloria Leckie and Anne McKillop.

HS15/21 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Ms. Duncanson and seconded by Mr. McClelland that the minutes of the June 10, 2015 (HS15/08-HS15/20) meeting be approved.

CARRIED

HS15/22 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

At the June meeting, 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. Committee members discussed ongoing thefts of metal plaques.

HS15/23 NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

Oil industry/All Saints Church

In progress.

HS15/23.1 Financial Report

Ms.Hobin shared the report.

HS15/23.2 Website Updating

Mr. McClelland will continue to work on ensuring all plaques are represented on the LPL website with appropriate photos and text. More archival information has been discovered and this will be added to the London Room files. Information on demolished buildings will also be added to the website and files. Some recent plaques have no background material available so additional work is needed. Information gaps must be identified before the December meeting.

HS15/23.3 Resignations

Mr. Jordan and Mrs. McKillop have resigned from the Historic Sites Committee. Mrs. McKillop has served on the Historic Sites Committee since 1969. Ms. Hobin will draft an ad for the two vacancies and send to the Historic Sites Committee members for their input. Vacancies will be advertised as widely as possible in November and December.

HS15/24 PLAQUE SUGGESTIONS

Lt. Colonel Edwin Seaborn (Arthur/Jonathan)

Mr. Vance is preparing a draft text. The proposed date for the plaque unveiling is August, 2016. The plaque will be erected at Western University with the possibility of a second identical plaque to be located at Bell Canada, 469 Clarence Street (now a parking lot). Mr. Vance will have more information for the next meeting.

HS15/24.1 First LPL Branch (Carson) on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary

Ms. Hobin has received the signed agreement letter from the Aeolian Hall and they have made some suggestions. The current text will be looked at to incorporate their changes. Suggested dates for a plaque unveiling are November 23 or December 14.

It was noted that there may be descendants of W.O. Carson in the area and they should be invited to the plaque unveiling.

HS15/24.2 Hunt Mill

The location of the Hunt Mill plaque is to be determined by the City. The two choices are the north side of the river when the mill was actually located or the south side where there is a park. The plaque unveiling is tentatively scheduled for May, 2016.

HS15/24.3 Roundhouse

Since Mr. Jordan has resigned from the Committee, Mr. Vance will work on the Roundhouse draft text.

Mr. McClelland shared the news that the Roundhouse rehabilitation project has been selected to receive a National Trust for Canada 2015 Ecclesiastical Insurance Cornerstone Award for Building Heritage on October 23, 2015.

HS15/24.4 Nature London

Nature London's preferred site is the Springbank Park Civic Garden Complex.

Ms. Duncanson will continue to work on drafting the plaque text.

HS15/24.5 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. An October, 2015 plaque unveiling is not possible. Mr. Vance will contact the University to see if they wish to unveil the plaque on a future date.

HS15/25 LACH REPORTS

No report.

HS15/26 OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McClelland reported that the Kingsmill Building plaque will be safely stored at Fanshawe College during their renovation of the building.

On October 26th, Mr. McClelland will be providing information on Century of Ontario photographs.

Ms. Hobin will provide information on the Jenkins Seed Store to InfoTech.

The digitization project in the London Room is proceeding.

HS15/27 MEETING DATES – 2015

December 2nd

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.