

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

December 2, 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: J. Vance (Chair), G. Barber, H. Bates Neary, M. Duncanson, S. Gibson, E. Hobin, A. McClelland and M. Murphy;

Apologies: none.

HS15/28 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Ms. Duncanson and seconded by Ms. Bates Neary that the minutes of the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (HS15/21-HS15/27) meeting be approved.

CARRIED

HS15/29 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

HS15/30 NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

Oil Industry/All Saints Church

No report.

HS15/30.1 Financial Report

Ms. Hobin reported that there had been no transactions since the previous report.

HS15/30.2 Website Content of Historic Sites Plaques

Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland prepared a document on the process for the development of historic plaques from initial idea to public unveiling.

Plaque text wording will also be added to the website. Mr. Vance will obtain the website texts for the three UWO plaques.

Background information will be prepared as follows:

Hydro Shoppe – G. Barber

Southwestern Traction Line – J. Vance

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first LPL Branch – A. McClelland

HS15/31 PLAQUE SUGGESTIONS

Lt. Colonel Edwin Seaborn

Mr. Vance circulated a draft text created by Western University staff. A plaque date may be in April or August and the site is still to be determined.

HS15/31.1 First LPL Branch (Carson) on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The plaque unveiling is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Aeolian Hall. Ms. Hobin will send a copy of the events schedule for celebrations at Carson Branch Library to Committee members.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Courtice will speak on behalf of the Library Board, as well as Mr. McClelland..

Speeches and the plaque unveiling will be inside the Hall.

HS15/31.2 Hunt Mill

The Hunt Mill plaque will be unveiled in May 2016 at a site to be determined. Ms. Bates Neary will follow up with Mr. Menard and provide more information to Committee members.

HS15/31.3 Roundhouse

Mr. Vance is checking on the progress that Mr. Jordan made regarding his research on the Roundhouse.

HS15/31.4 Nature London

Ms. Duncanson presented a draft text for Nature London and will re-circulate the revised text for final approval in February.

HS15/31.5 The Hume Cronyn Memorial Observatory

This plaque will not proceed.

HS15/31.6 Pottersburg/Glass Bros Pottery

Ms. Gibson circulated background information to members.

Since 2017 is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it may be possible to secure grant funding for this plaque.

It was MOVED by Ms. Bates Neary and seconded by Mr. Murphy that Ms. Gibson develop a plaque text for Pottersburg/Glass Bros Pottery for the February meeting.

CARRIED

HS15/32 LACH REPORTS

No report.

HS15/33 OTHER BUSINESS

Resignation

A thank you letter will be sent to Anne McKillop from the Library Board Chair as well a mock historic plaque will be presented as a gift to her. Ms. Bates Neary and Mr. McClelland will create and circulate a draft text to Committee members.

HS15/33.1 Proposed move of Seaborn Archival Material

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer contacted Mr. Vance and clarified that the feasibility and scope of the digitization of the Seaborn Collection will be investigated, along with the other collections the Library is digitizing. Arthur McClelland and David McCord will be creating a *Seaborn Collections Digitization Business Plan* to determine what of the materials can reasonably be digitized, the scope of work (including scanning, records creation, analytics, indexing/finding aids, etc.), personnel resources required, equipment/IT needs, costs, milestones and timelines. Given the complementary collections held by Western and London Public Library, synergies will be assessed that would benefit both institutions and, importantly, all researchers.

Mr. Vance will contact Ms. Hubbard Krimmer to ask that the HSC be kept informed of information on this digitization project and any future plans.

HS15/34 INFORMATION ITEMS

Toddle Inn – Mr. McClelland reported that the Toddle Inn is now up for sale.

Margaret Fullarton Plaque – This plaque is located at City Hall in the hallway to Council Chambers across from Committee Room #3.

HSC Vacancies – there are currently two vacancies on the HSC and depending on responses, the deadline could be extended into 2016.

HS15/35 MEETING DATES – 2016

February 3, April 6, June 1, October 5, December 7

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.