

## Early TIME LINE: Fugitive Slave Chapel Building and Project

- 1847 Land on Thames Street purchased by trustees of African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, which became the British Methodist Episcopal Church in 1856
- c. 1848 Construction of the chapel building
- c.1848-1869 The AME (later BME) chapel served the Black community in London
- 1869 Chapel at 275 Thames Street, measuring 30' x 110', sold to James Seale, cooper
- c. 1869 Beth Emanuel Church (BEC) at 430 Grey Street opened
- Aug. 11, 1986 Building at 275 Thames Street is plaqued by the Historic Sites Committee
- March 13, 2013 Request for demolition submitted to LACH by James Donnelly for 3 adjacent properties including 275 Thames Street (the FSC)
- May-June 2013 Archaeological Assessment with volunteer labour
- March 22, 2013 FSCPP formed during landmark meeting at BEC, committees are formed  
First chair is Shamara Baidobonso 2013; Second chair is George McNeish 2014-15; Third chair is Genet Hodder 2015-January 2018
- November 12, 2014 Chapel building is moved to 432 Grey Street adjacent to Beth Emanuel Church and positioned on a new foundation

**FSCPP Committee Membership** Active members, aside from Church Trustees, as of 1/27/18

### Executive Committee

- Chair :** Genet Hodder  
**Vice Chair:** Joseph O'Neil  
**Treasurer:** No separate FSCPP treasurer at time of dissolution  
**Secretary:** Carolyn Cameron  
**Ex officio member:** Reverend Delta McNeish, Pastor, Beth Emanuel Church  
**Fund Raising:** Norman Steele

### Others on Steering Committee with affiliations

- Maggie Whalley: Architectural Conservancy Ontario London, Heritage London Foundation  
Janet Hunten: London Middlesex Historical Society, ACO London  
Hilary Neary: London Public Library Historic Sites Committee member  
Ariel Webster London Heritage Council  
Natasha Solomon Oral history project

### Professional Help

- Nancy Tausky: Heritage Consultant; James Knight, structural engineer  
John Rutledge: Heritage Architect, 406 Queen Street, Blyth, ON N0M 1H0  
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Robin Armistead, City of London Culture Office; historians Stephen Harding and Alice Gibb