

WATERLOO REGIONAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012
6:37 p.m.
Room 218
Regional Administration Building
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Chair S. Rung, D. Bonk, P. Clarke, A. Crerar, A. Dias, J. Glass, *T. Galloway, L. Haggerty, *Z. Janecki, B. Kempel, S. Lovell, S. Massel, J. Roberts, K. Seiling, P. Todkill, and L. Turner

Members absent: D. McKnight, W. Stauch

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

DELEGATIONS

a) Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Transfiguration, Kitchener re: grant application

Pat Kalyn, Secretary, Ukrainian Heritage Park Committee, provided the Foundation with an overview of the project, including the history of property, submission of design proposals, the purposes of the landmark, and details of the monument to be built. The monument is to be built to celebrate the arrival of Ukrainian settlers to the Region in 1916, among other milestones for the Ukrainian community. Completion of the monument is targeted for Fall 2012.

P. Kalyn clarified for the Foundation that the monument and park celebrates all Ukrainian-Canadians regardless of religious tradition.

b) David Neufeld, Education Co-ordinator, Waterloo Region Museum re: support for heritage fairs and for First Peoples Festival

D. Neufeld provided a presentation to the Foundation on the Heritage Fair Program and the First Peoples Festival taking place in Fall 2012. The presentation is attached to the original minutes.

D. Neufeld provided details on the structure and execution of heritage fairs, and the benefits of the program. He emphasized that the program is non-competitive, aiming to support youth in pursuing their interests in history and heritage and providing feedback to nurture students. He also provided details on the First Nations Festival, including participants, activities, costs, partners, and funding.

The Foundation ascertained from D. Neufeld that it could provide or sponsor an award for the Heritage Fair program by contributing toward the cost of plaques, certificates, and prizes for students such as books or magazine subscriptions. D. Neufeld provided clarification to the Foundation as to the number of schools and students involved in heritage fairs, and noted that the time and venue for the fairs has been adjusted over time to take place at schools after hours, rather than in more public venues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by S. Massel
SECONDED by L. Turner

THAT the minutes of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation meeting held on January 24, 2012, be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

ACCOUNTS AND GRANT SUMMARY

Mike Grivicic, Foundation Secretary, circulated the Accounts and Grant Summary on behalf of Connie Bogusat, Financial Analyst, which included a summary of disbursements for the January-February 2012 period, outstanding approved commitments and the Foundation's net funding position.

2011-2012 COMMITTEES

- a) Allocations and Finance Committee
 - i. Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Transfiguration, Kitchener

The Foundation discussed the merits of the grant application from the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Transfiguration. The Foundation considered the merits of making a grant to celebrate the local history of a specific ethnic group, and noted such precedents within the Region. The Foundation discussed value for money in considering the grant, as well as the possibility of suggesting to the Church that the Foundation would support the installation of an interpretive plaque.

MOVED by L. Haggerty
SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approves a grant to the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Transfiguration in the amount of \$5,000.00 for costs related to the building of a monument celebrating the history and heritage of Ukrainians in the Region of Waterloo, as described in the organization's application for grant funding;

AND THAT the project be completed before February 28, 2013, a one-year period from the date of the approved motion;

AND THAT a suitable acknowledgement of the Foundation's contribution, including in the form of a plaque, is made using the official name Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation and the Foundation's logo, to be provided by the Foundation;

AND FURTHER THAT the applicant agree that the project details, including before and after images provided by the applicant to the Foundation, and the Foundation's support of such, may

be used by the Foundation for such purposes as promotional materials and on the Foundation's website.

CARRIED

The Foundation observed that there would be merit in developing a policy or guidelines for grant funding where the proposed work is not entirely focused on heritage aspects of the Region.

ii. Request for grant extension from John Thompson re: Hockey Night in Waterloo publication grant

The Foundation discussed the correspondence received requesting an extension to the grant deadline. Members of the Foundation expressed apprehension at providing an extension without being provided any example of progress on the project. The Foundation considered the possibility of granting an extension to the deadline contingent on a satisfactory progress update and an updated budget for the proposed work.

MOVED by L. Haggerty
SECONDED by S. Massel

THAT the deadline for the publication grant for "Hockey Night in Waterloo – Siskins: Team of the Century" be extended to December 31, 2012, subject to the provision of a satisfactory progress report from the applicant to be received by the Foundation before its meeting on June 26, 2012 and provision to the Foundation of an updated budget for the approved work, to the satisfaction of the Foundation.

CARRIED

iii. Property grant application received – 32 Heins Ave, Kitchener

The Foundation discussed the property in question and its heritage designation, as well as whether the proposed work could be classified as regular maintenance or a building project. L. Haggerty observed that the applicant anticipates adding to the proposed work, and that no consideration would be made whether to invite them to a future meeting until a complete application was submitted.

iv. Review of photos of completed work – Central Presbyterian Church, Cambridge

The Foundation reviewed photos of the work completed on the roof at Central Presbyterian Church in Cambridge.

b) Communications Committee

i. Heritage Showcase debrief

Z. Janecki thanked Foundation members who participated in the Heritage Showcase event. He related the positive feedback received from other participants, as well as suggestions and invitations for the 2013 event from the mall and from the Waterloo Region Museum. The Foundation commended the Region's corporate publishing group for helping to create a

fantastic display for the event. Various members of the Foundation related positive anecdotes from the event.

The Foundation observed that the next major event is the annual general meeting in June, and brainstormed venues for the event.

*Z. Janecki left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

c) Heritage Advisory Committee

P. Todkill noted that participants at the Heritage Showcase event were reminded of the Foundation's annual awards nominations, and that an advertisement for nominations will be run in local newspapers.

The Foundation noted that the Committee has, in the past, discussed creating an award for secondary school students to engage in the Region's heritage, and that the sponsorship of an award at the Heritage Fairs would be one way to accomplish that goal. The Foundation expressed its general agreement that the Committee investigate the possibility of becoming involved in the Heritage Fair program.

d) Executive Committee

No meeting.

REPORTS – MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

a) N-W Branch, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario – P. Clarke

The Branch participated in Heritage Showcase, as well as the Wilmot Heritage Day program on February 25.

The Branch is preparing nominations for the Foundation's annual awards.

Several members of the Branch attended the Northdale community planning/presentation on January 26 at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex.

*T. Galloway left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

b) Heritage Cambridge – P. Todkill

Heritage Cambridge participated in Heritage Showcase, and has been exerting its energies at North Dumfries council regarding the slit barn on Blair Road, expressing its concerns at the methodology of the restoration work.

The annual general meeting of Heritage Cambridge will take place in March at the School of Architecture in Cambridge.

c) Waterloo Historical Society – J. Glass

The Society participated in Heritage Showcase, as well as Wilmot Heritage Day on February 25.

The Society is being honoured as an inductee into the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame, with induction to take place on April 29. Due to the lack of space, the ceremony is not a public event. The Society is also being honoured at Kitchener's German Pioneers day on October 9th.

The next public meeting of the Society is Saturday, March 10th at the Hawkesville Community Centre, where there will be two presentations: author Nan Forler and illustrator Peter Etril Snyder will discuss their recent book, *Winterberries and Apple Blossoms*, while Laureen Harder-Gissing from the Mennonite Archives of Ontario at Conrad Grebel University College will discuss the works of local Ontario Mennonite historians and provide a glimpse into their collections.

d) Waterloo Region, Ontario Genealogical Society – D. Bonk

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE/ INFORMATION – Available at Meeting

a) Correspondence folder was circulated at the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) The Foundation expressed general agreement that Foundation buttons and awards brochures will be provided to the Waterloo Historical Society as gifts to attendees of the Ontario Historical Society's conference taking place at the Waterloo Region Museum on June 8-9.

b) S. Massel expressed the need for new name tags for public events. M. Grivicic will provide the name tags.

c) Chair S. Rung noted that the Region of Waterloo would be an excellent nominee for the Prince of Wales prize, and that the Foundation would not be able to nominate the Region for the prize. It was suggested that Foundation members speak with others groups in the local community to explore their interest in making a nomination.

NEXT MEETING – March 27, 2012

ADJOURN

MOVED by S. Massel
SECONDED by L. Haggerty

That the meeting adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

CARRIED

FOUNDATION CHAIR, S. Rung

FOUNDATION SECRETARY, M. Grivicic