



Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation

Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Waterloo County Room

Regional Administration Building

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Chair W. Stauch, R. Albrecht, D. Bonk, A. Dias, B. Dietrich, A. Eamon, T. Galloway, J. Glass, L. Haggerty, J. Hendry, J. Lewis, S. Massel, B. Paddock, J. Roberts, M. Roth, K. Seiling and L. Turner

Members absent: M. McCreery, B. Paddock, and J. Roberts

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

M. Roth resigned his position on the Board effective November 9, 2015 due to recently accepting a position at the Region of Waterloo in Information Management.

Delegations

- a) Omar Kaake appeared on behalf of the 10 applicants for St. Andrews Street, Cambridge. He briefly described the project and showed pictures of the property. O. Kaake noted that the contractor will be doing the roof in pairs.

Foundation members asked the delegation how many units are owned and how many are rented. O. Kaake noted that 7 out of the 10 are owned.

Accounts and Grant Summary

Connie Bogusat, Financial Analyst, circulated the Accounts and Grant Summary which included a summary of disbursements for July to October 2015 period, outstanding approved commitments and the Foundation's net funding position.

C. Bogusat reviewed and highlighted the 2016 budget. It was noted that the 2016 budget will be approved at the next meeting.

A Foundation member highlighted that funding used to be per capita and expressed concerns that the Foundation isn't benefiting from increased population.

Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2015

Moved by L. Turner

Seconded by S. Massel

That the minutes of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation meeting held on June 23, 2015, be approved

Carried

2015-2016 Committees

a) Allocations and Finance Committee

J. Glass stated that A&F did receive an application for The Elmira Water Project but unfortunately the application is lacking in detail and they continue to work with them to complete the application.

i) Capital Grant - St. Andrews Street, Cambridge

J. Glass introduced the grant application noting that S. Massel met with 9 of the 10 homeowners back in June and walked them through the grant application process. S. Massel highlighted that MPAC also attended that meeting and are looking forward to seeing the building restored.

Foundation members acknowledged that this is a unique project and noted that they would like to see all the units completed but acknowledged it is out of their control as to whether all homeowners take advantage of this opportunity.

Foundation members also discussed having a feature story done on this project to help promote the Foundation.

Moved by J. Glass

Seconded by M. Roth

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve a grant equal to 50% of the net cost to a maximum of \$4,750.00 including HST for each unit (58-76) St. Andrews Street;

And the restoration is completed before October 27th, 2016, a one-year period from the date of the approved grant;

And that a suitable acknowledgement of the Foundation's contribution is made with the installation of a plaque at the Foundation's expense on the exterior of the building, visible to the public, at a location to be decided by the Foundation and the applicants;

And further that a statement of account with copies of supporting invoices and receipts be submitted to the Foundation upon completion of the project with request for payment.

Carried

b) Communications Committee

A. Dias highlighted that there was a great turn out at Doors Open in September. She stated that W. Stauch was signing the contract for the website and she hoped to have the website completed in 2015. She stated that in 2016 the Communications Committee will look at rebranding the Foundation.

A. Dias also noted that Heritage Showcase will be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2016 at Fairview Mall and that she will be sending a survey out towards the end of the year looking for feedback from the other heritage organizations.

*S. Massel left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

c) Heritage Advisory Committee

J. Lewis highlighted that 3 plaques have been installed and that HAC will be looking for student grant applications in the next month or so. She also reminded members that it's never too soon to think of nominating or having someone nominated for the Awards of Excellence, Sally Thorsen and Dr. Jean Steckle Awards.

d) Executive Committee

No report.

Reports – Member Organizations

a) N-W Branch, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario

B. Dietrich highlighted that the ACO is having their annual Awards night on Friday, November 13th, 2015. He noted that ACO will be hosting a speaker on November 17, speaking about mid century modern architecture.

He also noted they will be having their Annual Christmas gathering on Sunday, December 6th, 2015 at 110 Water Street.

b) Cambridge, ACO

Chair W. Stauch read the Cambridge, ACO report on behalf of Bradley Paddock.

ACO continues to follow the concept development of the former American Standard plant in Hespeler under the direction of a new project partner, with the hope that demolition of the historic resource assembly will be kept to a minimum.

ACO is working on the development of a proposal for a *Tea & Tour* to be used as a potential fundraiser for outreach and education programs in the City of Cambridge in 2016. ACO also continues to act as a continued resource for the Blackbridge Neighborhood Association as the area is studied for potential re-classification.

A Foundation member provided more information on the American Standard plant.

c) Waterloo Historical Society

J. Glass noted that since June, WHS has held its annual History Under the Trees (HUT) event on July 4th at Doon Heritage Village and on September 22nd, retired Waterloo Region Record features writer Bill Bean discussed his career in Waterloo Region at the Victoria Park Pavilion.

He stated that WHS is now getting ready for their next public meeting which has a dual purpose. On Saturday, November 14th, Lary Turner of Hespeler's Company of Neighbours will give a well-illustrated presentation titled, "Mill Girls," a look at how Dominion Woollens attracted young girls from around Canada to come work in Hespeler during the Second World War, stating it's similar in theme to Sarah Jayne Pawelko's article entitled, "Hometown Rosies" published in the 2014 annual volume. He highlighted that after the talk, the AGM will take place and non-members are welcome to attend, there is no admission charge.

J. Glass also highlighted that WHS is excited to announce that they are in the initial stages of scoping a project to provide an online index of all of the annual volumes which will greatly increase the research value of the already well utilized and cited annual volume collection. He noted that once the scope, financial parameters and project

quotations are finalized, WHS will be looking for help in funding this project that will greatly benefit anyone researching the history of Waterloo Region.

d) Waterloo Region, Ontario Genealogical Society

D. Bonk highlighted that the Waterloo branch will be turning into an e branch in 2016. He highlighted that they will continue to do projects and research but will no longer be having public meetings due to lack of new executives. He stated that they will have a new website and the branch will continue to scan books for the KPL.

Correspondence

The correspondence folder was circulated among the members for their review.

Other Business

- a) E. Flewwelling highlighted an Evening with Dr. Ian Milligan an event hosted by The Waterloo Region Archives Round Table, The Archives Association of Ontario and the local chapter of ARMA (records managers) regarding The Challenge of Digital Sources in the Web Age: Common Tensions Across Three Web Histories, 1994-2015. The event will take place Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 150 Frederick Street in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. It was suggested that the next meeting of the Foundation could meet early to allow the Foundation to attend the event.
- b) John Glass stated that he and B. Paddock attended the HPAC meeting in September to talk about the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation and how to apply for grants.

Next Meeting – November 24, 2015

Adjourn

Moved by A. Dias

Seconded by T. Galloway

That the meeting adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Carried

Foundation Chair, W. Stauch

Foundation Secretary, E. Flewwelling