



Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation

Minutes

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

6:35 p.m.

Waterloo County Room

Regional Administration Building

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Chair A. Crerar, A. Dias, J. Glass, L. Haggerty, Z. Janecki, J. Lewis, S. Massel, M. McCreery, B. Paddock, W. Stauch and L. Turner

Members absent: D. Bonk, T. Galloway, J. Roberts and K. Seiling

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Z. Janecki

Seconded by A. Dias

That the minutes of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation meeting held on September 23, 2014, be approved

Carried

Accounts and Grant Summary

Connie Bogusat, Financial Analyst circulated the Accounts and Grant Summary, which included a summary of disbursements for October and November 2014 period, outstanding approved commitments and the Foundation's net funding position. She also circulated a summary of the Foundation's budget vs. actual expenditures in the year to date, for the information of board members.

C. Bogusat also distributed the Draft 2015 Budget and provided an overview of the budget.

2013-2014 Committees

a) Allocations and Finance Committee

S. Massel highlighted that in January she will be bringing forward the grant provisions and noted that four grant applications have been submitted but they are incomplete. S. Massel stated that one of the applications is very large and they may need to call in a consultant.

S. Massel also noted that she made a presentation to the KW Real Estate Agents to talk about funding opportunities for heritage homes. She did point out that after 3 days of presentations some still didn't fully understand what heritage designation meant.

b) Communications Committee

A. Dias highlighted that the Heritage Showcase will be held on Saturday, February 21st, 2015 and it will be held at Conestoga Mall. She did state the Communications Committee will be advertising for the event since the weekend has changed from last year.

A. Dias also stated that the 250 stickers for the Waterloo Region History Prize has been ordered and are looking at lawn signs to be ordered. She suggested the signs should include the logo and should say "Another Project by the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation". A Foundation member suggested the words supported by instead of project by be used.

c) Heritage Advisory Committee

J. Lewis noted that HAC is looking at getting a couple more plaques installed but are waiting for the weather to cooperate. She also highlighted that Heritage Research applications need to be submitted by January 20th, 2015.

J. Lewis also talked about the History Prize and asked the members if they are aware of any books or publications that were published in 2014 so HAC can get in touch with them to see if they are interested in submitting their work. She noted HAC has talked about the process for the History Prize and stated more formal guidelines will come forward at the January meeting.

d) Executive Committee

A. Crerar highlighted that Executive Committee is currently trying to figure out a way to contact heritage designated home owners to inform them about the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation. He pointed out that mailing the letters to homeowners of heritage designated homes was not successful. He highlighted some potential ideas; reaching out to heritage planners, calling or canvassing neighbourhoods with heritage designated homes.

A Foundation member suggested reaching out to neighbourhood associations.

Foundation members also talked about the importance of creating a new website for the WRHF and they discussed using pictures of properties that have received funding in the past and wondered if they were allowed. The Foundation members asked if staff could consult with the legal department.

Reports – Member Organizations

a) N-W Branch, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario

A. Schiedel provided an update on the Annual Seasonal Meeting held on December 6th, at the St. Louis Roman Catholic Church noting the guest speaker was Tom Graham who talked about the history of Globe Furniture Company.

b) Heritage Cambridge

B. Paddock provided an update on the post office in the City of Cambridge and briefly highlighted the Black Bridge and Ayr Ice House. He highlighted an event at McDougal Cottage that talked about the restoration of two historical buildings.

c) Waterloo Historical Society

J. Glass provided an update on the November 8th, 2014 AGM. He noted that Lesley Webb will remain as President for the next 2 years.

d) Waterloo Region, Ontario Genealogical Society

No report.

Correspondence

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

Other Business

- a) M. McCreery provided background information on the Ayr Ice House. She highlighted that the Township of North Dumfries was looking to have the building demolished but Council voted on November 17, to keep the Ayr Ice House and to replace the roof.

- b) W. Stauch stated the reasons why the Fall bus tour was canceled and asked if the members would like to pick another date in the Spring and wondered if an invitation should be extended to other Heritage groups and suggested a possibly before the long weekend in May.

Foundation members suggested inviting Councillors from Area Municipalities on the Spring Bus tour to help promote the importance of Heritage.

- c) Foundation members congratulated Z. Janecki, T. Galloway, and K. Seiling on their reelection.

Next Meeting – January 27, 2015**Adjourn**

Moved by A. Dias

Seconded by L. Haggerty

That the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Carried

Foundation Chair, A. Crerar

Foundation Secretary, E. Flewwelling