



## **Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation**

### **Minutes**

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

6:24 p.m.

Waterloo County Room

Regional Administration Building

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

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Present were: Chair W. Stauch, R. Albrecht, J. Arndt, J. Clinckett, D. Emberly, T. Galloway, J. Glass, A. Haggerty, J. Lewis and K. Redman

Members absent: L. Haggerty, K. McLaughlin and K. Osborn

### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

### **Delegations**

a) Ted Boyd re: Property Grant: 58 St. Andrews Street, Cambridge

Ted and Sharon Boyd appeared before the Foundation and provided a background to their property, a detailed overview of the application and reasoning for their contractor selection.

b) Tom Beechey re: Property Grant: 91 Cooper Street, Cambridge

Tom and Karen Beechey provided a presentation to the Foundation providing a history of the building and an overview of their contractor selection. The importance/urgency of the project was stressed due to a November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the City of Cambridge grant. A copy of the [presentation](#) is appended to the original minutes.

### **Accounts and Grant Summary**

Chair W. Stauch circulated and provided a brief overview of the Accounts and Grant Summary.

a) 2018 Draft Financial Statements

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Moved by T. Galloway

Carried by J. Clinckett

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve the 2018 draft Financial Statements.

Carried

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded J. Lewis

That the minutes of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, be approved.

Carried

### **2018-2019 Committees**

#### a) Allocations and Finance Committee

J. Glass updated that the Committee could not meet prior to the meeting and noted they will meet prior to the AGM on June 11, 2019 in order to discuss the current applications.

The Foundation addressed the need to develop the outstanding policies for cemeteries and stained glass windows as well as adding a policy for cedar roofs. It was determined that a definition of maintenance and restoration projects is necessary. The Members noted that the policies could not be applied to applications until they are approved by the Board.

#### b) Communications Committee

No report.

#### c) Heritage Advisory Committee

J. Lewis announced that the judges have selected the publication entitled Overtime: Portraits of a Vanishing Canada by Karl Kessler and Sunshine Chen for the History Prize.

The Foundation determined that the Awards will be presented by Chair W. Stauch and the citations will be read by J. Lewis at the AGM.

Chair W. Stauch provided an overview of the agenda for the AGM.

#### d) Executive Committee

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No report.

### **Reports – Member Organizations**

a) ACO North Waterloo – J. Clinckett

J Clinckett noted that the bus tour of Carnegie libraries was a success.

b) ACO Cambridge – D. Emberly

D. Emberly read a [report](#) from ACO Cambridge. A copy is appended to the original minutes.

c) Waterloo Historical Society – D. Emberly

D. Emberly read a [report](#) from Waterloo Historical Society. A copy is appended to the original minutes.

### **Correspondence**

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

### **Next Meeting – June 11, 2019 AGM**

### **Adjourn**

Moved by D. Emberly

Seconded by J. Lewis

That the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

**Foundation Chair, W. Stauch**

**Foundation Secretary, J. Rudy**

Report Given on Behalf of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Cambridge & North Dumfries Branch.

Much of what this organization does is in response to things brought to it by the many bodies whose activities it monitors. The character of the Blue Heron Ridge neighbourhood of Cambridge Preston is seriously threatened by redevelopment. Many existing houses occupy two or more lots and property speculators are demolishing these buildings in order to build to the higher density permitted in the original plans and zoning. Since 2013 Cambridge has been developing a new zoning bylaw and, it is anticipated that some steps will be taken to protect the city's many older and mature neighbourhoods; the ACO is making presentations to facilitate this. Presentation has been made before the Cambridge Planning and Development Committee regarding the proposed development of what remains of the historic and beautiful Forbes Estate, "Hillhead", on Guelph Avenue in Cambridge Hespeler, the stately pillared home of which was built in 1912. Concerns about density, height, environment, and built structures (at least one of which predates Confederation) were expressed. A peer review of the HIA was requested.

Negotiations with the City of Cambridge seeking remediation from it for damage done around the historic Sheave Tower of Cambridge Blair are largely completed. Changes will be made to road width, culverts, and the landscape; also, a financial consideration will be made to the ACO C&ND. The Sheave Tower, a pioneering hydro electric project, is a vertical board and batten structure built of pine in the 1870's. In the 1960's the Waterloo Historical Society did emergency repairs to the building and, between 1988 and 2000 the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation made five grants totaling over \$27,000 towards repairs and eventual purchase by Heritage Cambridge through the Heritage Cambridge Community Heritage Fund (at one time the WRHF had considered buying the property for the Region of Waterloo).

The ACO C&ND began as the Galt Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, organized in 1990 and after 1973 would be known for many years as Heritage Cambridge. It was one of the original six named organizations that created the WRHF in 1973 (incorporated in 1974). During the last two years the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Cambridge & North Dumfries Branch has not had a voting director on the foundation's board and, I was asked to serve as their "designated spokesperson." (I was already a director for the Waterloo Historical Society and so could not be a director for both.) The abilities, knowledge and dedication of the membership of this group are as impressive as anything I have experienced. Being asked to speak on their behalf has been a humbling experience.

Submitted by David Emberly on behalf of the Board and Members.  
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## Report of the Waterloo Historical Society.

Each year the society donates to the Susan J. Hoffman Fund and this year gave \$1,000 towards the purchase of a microfilm scanner for the Grace Schmidt Room of Local History at the Kitchener Public Library (KPL). At every board meeting directors receive a list of items donated to the society's archives which are kept at the KPL and elsewhere in storage. Recent gifts have included family photos, panoramic views, corporate history items, historic newspapers, letters and research documents.

Other things to note. Online Indexing has moved to the next phase: merging and cross-referencing the text indices into one. The WHS now has a Facebook following and uses Instagram with the goals of reaching a younger audience and promoting membership.

The WHS continues its programme of public meetings and lectures informative of the culture and history of Canada with particular emphasis on the Region of Waterloo. On Saturday, July 6, 2019, History Under the Trees will take place at 1:00 p.m., Ken Seiling Waterloo Regional Museum, Doon Heritage Village. This summer's HUT will be an interactive meeting with the theme of vintage tools - the implements that built much of Waterloo County in the days of the pioneers. Al Junker will share his vast collection and knowledge with visitors who are encouraged to bring their own medium-sized or smaller tools.

Travel and Tavern-Going in Early 19th-Century Upper Canada is on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Avenue, Kitchener. In the 1800's stage coach travel became popular. Taverns, inns and public houses were established every six to eight miles along country roads to accommodate travelers' needs. The speaker, Jesse Abbott will explore how alcohol consumption informed the construction of masculine, racial, and class identities both on the road, and in public spaces.

The Annual General Meeting of the WHS will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., and will be held at the Victoria Park Pavilion.

The Waterloo Historical Society was involved in the creation of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation in 1973 and has been represented on the foundation's board since incorporation in 1974, when the WHS was one of the six named organizations, the purpose of which were to give structure and guidance to the new organization. Under the foundation's supplementary letters patent of 2018, all appointments will be made by Regional Council; there will no longer be named organizations. At this time, the Waterloo Historical Society is the last of the original six to have a member on the foundation's board. I thank the society for asking me to represent them.

David Emberly/Waterloo Historical Society.  
Tuesday, May 28, 2019.