

**Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation
Board Agenda**



Tuesday, June 23, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Waterloo County Room/Electronic

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Pages

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Regional Appointment Ratification and Introductions

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo ratify the following appointments to the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation dated June 17, 2026:

1. Heidi Peller-Oliver for a term ending June 2029;
2. Kevin Twomey for a term ending June 2029;
3. Philippe Elsworthy for a term ending June 2029;
4. Robert Shipley for a term ending June 2029; and
5. Samir Sharma for a term ending June 2029.

All Directors to provide brief introductory remarks.

4. Election of Foundation Chair and Vice-Chair

The Foundation will be electing the next Chair and Vice-Chair for a term of approximately one (1) year.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

6. Finance Reports

6.1 Accounts and Grants Summary

For information.

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7. Delegations

None.

8. Approval of Minutes - May 26, 2026

Recommended Motion:

That the minutes of Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation from May 26, 2026 be approved.

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9. Committees

9.1 Allocations and Finance

Brief overview of the Committee and call for volunteers.

9.2 Heritage Advisory and Communications

Brief overview of the Committee and call for volunteers.

9.3 Strategic Planning

Brief overview of the Committee and call for volunteers.

10. Information/Correspondence

10.1 Maryhill Historical Society Newsletter

For information.

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11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting - September 22, 2026

13. Adjourn

Recommended Motion:

That the meeting adjourn at x:xx x.m.

**WATERLOO REGIONAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION
May 2026**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee/Donor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>			
May 6	METROLAND MEDIA GROUP	Newspaper Ad	\$ 778.46
May 7	Dana Hospitality	Catering - April 28 WRHF subcommittee	\$ 132.76
			\$ 911.22

**WATERLOO REGIONAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION
Net Funding Position**

Balance in Operating Account as at May 31, 2026	\$ 157,649.08
 Deduct:	
Grants Committed (Approved and Not Paid)	\$ (10,200.00)
 Net Funding Position as at May 31, 2026	\$ 147,449.08

Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation
Board Minutes



May 26, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Waterloo County Room/Electronic

Present: J. Glass, P. Elsworthy, P. Wolf, H. Peller-Oliver, R. Shipley, K. Costello, E. Dyck

Absent: N. Salonen, A. Carswell, T. Falconer, N. Baskanderi

1. Call to Order

Chair J. Glass called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

L. Mewhiney, Committee Clerk, provided a land acknowledgement.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

4. Finance Reports

4.1 Accounts and Grants Summary

Received for information.

4.2 Draft Audited Financial Statements

Moved by P. Elsworthy

Seconded by H. Peller-Oliver

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve the Auditor Draft Financial Statements as dated May 26, 2026.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Approval of Minutes - April 28, 2026

Moved by R. Shipley
Seconded by K. Costello

That the minutes of Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation from April 28, 2026 be approved.

Carried

7. Committees

7.1 Allocations and Finance

Committee Chair P. Elsworthy noted that as the application window for this round of grant applications is still open, there are no further updates related to grants at this time.

Chair J. Glass also noted that the Waterloo Historical Society advised that they will be submitting documentation in the near future to fulfill the requirements of their grant, which was granted an extension until June 2026.

Staff confirmed that to date, only two grant applications have been received and that the application window closes on June 30, 2026.

7.2 Heritage Advisory and Communications

None.

7.3 Strategic Planning

Committee Chair P. Elsworthy provided a brief update, noting that next steps for the Committee will be to work on better aligning the application form with the grant criteria. He also noted that members of the Strategic Planning Committee will review grant applications as they are submitted and can provide any necessary support to applicants to ensure that applications are complete and meet all submission requirements. Staff confirmed that the website and application form provide contact information and offer applicant support if needed.

The Foundation discussed inviting relevant community groups to attend one of its meetings before the next grant window to share information about grants and the grant process. The Foundation also discussed creating a potential protocol surrounding the provision of applicant support.

8. Information/Correspondence

None.

9. Other Business

The Foundation noted that the Cambridge Heritage Committee has increased its annual grant budget from \$30,000 to \$100,000.

10. Next Meeting - June 10, 2026 (AGM)

The next meeting of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation is on June 10, 2026.

11. Adjourn

Moved by P. Wolf

Seconded by P. Elsworthy

That the meeting adjourn at 5:49 p.m.

Carried

Committee Clerk

Committee Chair

NEWSLETTER

2026

Editor: Linda Kennedy



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PRESERVING THE HISTORY & HERITAGE OF THE MARYHILL COMMUNITY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

1826

MARYHILL 200

2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As spring comes to an end and we look forward to the summer season, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Maryhill Historical Society. The past few months have been busy with ongoing projects, planning, and community involvement. It has been wonderful to see so many people continue to support and take an interest in Maryhill's history.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our joint scratch ticket fundraiser with the Ariss & Maryhill Lions Club. Your participation helps support the work of the Maryhill Historical Society and reflects the strong community spirit that makes Maryhill such a special place. Congratulations to our prize winner, Kathy Bradshaw.

This year marks a very special milestone for Maryhill as we celebrate our village's 200th anniversary. We will be recognizing this milestone throughout the year, including at our annual Canada Day celebration at the Edward Halter House. There will be special 200th anniversary memorabilia, historical displays reflecting Maryhill's rich heritage, trivia, a barbecue, cake, special guests, and a chance for friends, neighbours, and families to come together and celebrate our community's history.

We have also continued work at the Edward Halter House through ongoing restoration and maintenance projects to help preserve this important part of our community's history. Thank you to our members, volunteers, and supporters for your continued dedication to preserving and celebrating the history and heritage of Maryhill.

Warm regards,
Erin Parsons
President, Maryhill Historical Society

EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE: Sundays: 12—3pm

CANADA DAY: 11AM at Halter House

EUCHRE CARD PARTY: Mondays:
May 4—September 28 6:30 pm: @
Genesis Care (former Twin Oaks
Nursing Home)

HERITAGE DAY: Sunday Sept 20—
12pm at Maryhill Community Centre

HALLOWE'EN: Oct 31—5 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Sunday Nov 15—1pm Maryhill
Community Centre

CHRISTMAS CHEER: Sun. Dec. 13
11:45 am—Rectory

EXECUTIVE

President: Erin Parsons

Vice President: Frank Rider

Secretary: Mare Zettel

Treasurer: Marie Nap

Past President: Linda Kennedy

DIRECTORS

Doug Keller

James Metcalfe

Carol Neumann

Diane Strickler

Jessica Zettel

Tony Zettel

Breweries

It is difficult to imagine today, but in early year of settlement, safe drinking water was not easily accessible, and beer was considered a safer alternative.

Beer was almost like a food staple for the Germanic people. No doubt some farmers brewed their own. However, there were a couple commercial operations.

Sylvester Frank is believed to have brewed the first beer in the village, using an iron sugar kettle. Sylvester was a cooper from Baden (Germany).

Sylvester, age 25, immigrated with his future wife Walbergia Schmitt in September 1831 and were married in Buffalo. By 1832 they were in the Maryhill area. By 1833 they had relocated to 25 acres in the village, believed to be beside the Lorenz Goetz Tavern and may have brewed beer for the tavern.

By 1850, Sylvester left Maryhill and established a cooperage and brewery in New Hamburg. By the 1870s, he was a cooper in Formosa. Sylvester Frank later moved on to Thunder Bay where he died in 1884 at age 78.

His brother Marcus Frank, also a cooper, may have worked with Sylvester and continued the operation in Maryhill. By 1850, Marcus had taken over the Lorenz Goetz Tavern. It is unknown if he continued to brew beer for the tavern.

In about 1838, Nicklaus Hug and wife Rosina Lauinger, both at age 28, started a brewery near Freiburg. They were married by 1835.

Nicklaus was a medical doctor. He immigrated from Alsace about 1833, believed to be a son of Peter Huck and Catharine Klein.

In the 1800s, medical doctors were involved in brewing because beer was widely considered a medicinal tonic. Beer provided essential nutrients that were crucial for patients recovering from illness. Specific 'medicinal' beers contained additives like oatmeal, ginger, dandelion, maple or spruce sap, or iron to treat illnesses. A 'Nursing Stout' was even made for mothers with newborns.

By 1850, Nicholas Hug was a merchant on 10 acres on lot 81 in Maryhill and built a substantial two-story home. It became known as Hôtel du Sankt Bonifacius (present day Maryhill Inn). In 1861, his oldest son Christian assumed operation of the hotel.

The most noted commercial brewery was situated on what was Lot 81 on Maryhill Road, immediately north of the Commercial Hotel. The malt kiln (hop kiln) at this location was built of stone with a round domed stone roof. It stood for several decades before it was taken down in 1924.

Anthony Schopp was on Lot 81 in 1849. Franz Antony Schopp was a brewer from Bavaria. He and his future wife immigrated in 1848. They were married in Maryhill the same year both at age 23. It is likely they built the brewery and the unique stone kiln.

By 1853, Conrad Doerbecker, a carpenter, had assumed the operation of the brewery. He married Regina Benninger in 1853. In 1859, they sold to Nickolas Hug, moved to Salem and assumed the Irvine Brewery from John Doerbecker. At the time, the Irvine Brewery was the largest brewer of Lager in Canada.

It appears that Nickolas Hug had a silent partner in the brewery by name of William Boice. No reference was found of Mr. Boice living in Maryhill. Tax assessment records for 1860 identify a William Boice as a merchant in Hamilton.

The last reference of Nickolas Hug as a brewer in Maryhill was 1863. His wife had died in 1860. It appears that Nickolas and his 3 younger children left Maryhill before the end of 1864. He died in New York state in 1899.

John Kurz (39) was also a brewer on Lot 81 in 1861 but never held title to any land. He may have worked for Nicholas Hug and possibly for the previous owners. John Kurz could have continued to run the brewery for William Boice after Nicholas Hug left the area, until about 1867.

In 1867, John Michael Lehman, who farmed near Ariss purchased the operation from William Boice. Michael's son, Ignatz Lehman (24) a shoemaker, moved here. He married Maria Anna Zuber in 1865. It's reasonable to conclude they operated the brewery, given they later established the hotel in Ariss before 1878 and subsequently assumed operation of a hotel in Aberfoyle.

Michael Mattel purchased the brewery from Ignatz Lehman in 1875. No reference was found of Mr. Mattel operating the brewery.

In 1877, Alex Halter assumed the operation of the brewery. He had retired from farming by 1871. Alex died in 1883. He may have been the last operator of the brewery. By this time, most small breweries had closed due to heightened competition from larger local breweries such as Kuntz's and Huether's in Waterloo, and Sleeman's and Holliday's in Guelph.

Charles Halter had the malt kiln taken down in 1924, just three years before he died in 1927. He was the son in law of Louis Frank. Louis Frank was from Alsace. He built the Commercial hotel in 1854 just south of the brewery. No reference was found of Louis Frank ever operating the brewery.

July 1, 1867: The British North America Act united the British colonies of Canada West, Canada East, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick into the semi-independent Dominion of Canada. Although it was signed in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island wasn't one of the founding colonies.

December 11, 1931: The Statute of Westminster granted Canada full legal autonomy in foreign affairs and legislation, ending the British Parliament's authority over it

April 17, 1982 Queen Elizabeth signed the proclamation giving Canada complete authority over its Constitution. It was signed outside on Parliament Hill. It suddenly rained and another copy had to be signed.



A Sugar Kettle like this was used by Sylvester Frank to brew beer.



Early Bavarian Malt Kiln.

A stone malt kiln with a domed roof was built by Anton Schopp, a Bavarian Brewer.



St. Bonifacius Hotel—Built by brewer, Dr. Nicklaus Hug, the first brewer in Freiburg later owned the brewery across the road from this hotel. (now the Maryhill Inn)



Commercial Hotel when owned by Charles Halter.

The brewery was just north of this building. The brewery was last operated by Alex Halter, father of Charles Halter

NEWS from THE NEW GERMANY JOURNAL

---Thursday, April 3, 1941

* District roads are in poor condition—motorists are advised to drive with caution.

Teddy Isley will work the William Zuber farm this year.

*Much quilting is being done by the women of Maryhill. A special quilt was made for the annual summer garden party.

*Simon Zinger is remodelling his store.

*John Brohman has purchased the old Beitz farm.

---Thursday October 16, 1941

*Death –Frederick Fehrenbach, at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Guelph. Son of Albert Fehrenbach and the late Mary Fehrenbach, in his 43rd year. His residence, R.R. 1 West Montrose. Interred in New Germany

The Four Hotels

Being 9 miles from both Guelph and Kitchener and about 11 miles to Waterloo or Preston, Maryhill had become a stop for travelers and offered rural settlers with goods and services closer to home.

For about 21 years, (1854 to 1875), there were four hotels in operation in Maryhill. Early on, ‘public houses’ were known as ‘Inns’ or ‘Taverns’ (‘Pubs’ in the UK.) As more services were offered, by the late 1850s these started to become called hotels. ‘Hotel’ derived from French, originally referred to a hospital.

The 4 public houses built in Maryhill offered some type of public service (perhaps akin to a small-scale plaza today) and provided some form of overnight accommodation. But not all were built originally as drinking establishments. However, they were *all* licensed to sell alcohol from about 1858 until 1875. But during World War I, there was only one licensed Tavern in Maryhill.

1832—*Lorenz Goetz Tavern, Frank’s Hotel, Rising Sun Hotel*—The 1st hotel, was the first to be licensed. It was licensed as a Second-Class Inn. A hotel on this site operated here for 43 years. A cooperage was operated here. It became a private residence about 1875 which still stands. It housed the post office for 30 years and the insurance office for over 50 years.

1840—*Rombach’s Tavern, Freiburg Hotel, Temperance House*—The 2nd hotel was in Freiburg. It was licensed as a Third-Class Inn. It operated 42 years. It contained a store and assembly hall and housed a post office for 35 years. It burned in 1882.

1850—*Hôtel-Sankt Bonifacius, St. Bonifacius Hotel, St. Boniface Hotel, Maryhill Inn*—The 3rd hotel—built initially a medical practice and possibly a hospital. It was licensed as a Second-Class Inn. It contained a store, and a brewery operate here for 13 years. The post office was housed here for 5 years. In operation now for 176 years.

1854—Louis Frank’s hotel, Hôtel Du Strasbourg, Halters Hotel, Commercial Hotel-- The 4th hotel started as a store. It was licensed as a First-Class Inn. It housed a saddlery, general store, shoe store, Doctor’s office, telegraph office, bank. It housed the post office for 24 years and had a detached assembly hall. It closed due to the pandemic in 2020 after 166 years and never reopened.



MARYHILL is

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Come Celebrate with us



July 1st 11am- 2pm

**Maryhill Historical Society's Halter House
1338 Maryhill Road**

**Food, Music, Giveaways, Displays,
and a Special Commemorative
Beverage**



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