

Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation

Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Waterloo County Room

Regional Administration Building

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Chair W. Stauch, R. Albrecht, D. Bonk, J. Hendry, J. Lewis, J. Malvern, N. Matiland, M. McCreery, N. Richbell, S. Roy, L. Turner and K. Seiling

Members Absent: J. Clinckett, T. Galloway, K. Harvey, S. Massel, and B. Paddock

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Presentation of Heritage Research Award

- J. Lewis presented both Jesse Abbott and Joanna Rickert-Hall with the Heritage Research Award.
- a) Jesse Abbott provided a brief presentation on his research project on the relationship between British-Canadians and Six Nations leadership between 1783-1815. He thanked the Foundation for the award.
- b) Joanna Rickert-Hall thanked the Foundation for their support and for the award and provided a brief presentation of her research project on Christian Eby and his Charming Practice.

Delegations

a) David Schooley appeared before the Foundation regarding his property Grant for
920 Orr Court, Kitchener. D. Schooley provided the history of the property noting

that the application is to redo the windows and front door back to the original state. He highlighted the quotes he received and explained the reason for selecting Heritage Mill Historic Building Conservation to do the work.

Foundation members asked for clarification on the location of the property and the material of the windows.

b) Jim Rodger, Dave Caputo of the statue project and Don Bourgeois of Createscape Waterloo Region appeared before the Foundation regarding their Project/Event Grant – The Prime Ministers' Educational Resource and Statue Project. J. Rodger provided a presentation that outlined the project, the site, Mackenzie King statue, and beyond the sculpture lesson plans. He highlighted work done by Morgan MacDonald who will be sculpting Mackenzie King. He briefly talked about the unveiling of the sculptures.

Clarification was provided on the sculpture order, the artist selection, who owns the sculptures, and other projects Createscape is working on.

D. Caputo provided information on Createscape and other projects they are working on and clarification on the schedule of payments to Morgan MacDonald.

In response to a member inquiry, D. Bourgeois noted that because of the controversy surrounding the project donations fell through that were first promised. He stated that Createscape is hoping that once some sculptures are in place people will start to come around on the project and donate.

 c) Charlotte Woodley, Region of Waterloo Archivist appeared before the Foundation to invite the members to an event an on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Council Chambers. The guest speaker for the evening is Jesse Thistle, talking about Archives as Good Medicine.

Accounts and Grant Summary

Erin Flewwelling distributed the Accounts and Grant Summary, on behalf of Connie Bogusat, Financial Analyst, which included a summary of disbursements for March 2017 period, outstanding approved commitments and the Foundation's net funding position.

A Foundation member sought clarification on the funds provided to the Foundation how much money is remaining for 2017.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by J. Malvern

Seconded by D. Bonk

That the minutes of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation meeting held on February 28, 2017, be approved.

Carried

2016-2017 Committees

- a) Allocations and Finance Committee
 - i) Property Grant 920 Orr Court, Kitchener

M. McCreery briefly highlighted the application and noted that A&F is in support of the application and is recommending funding of \$30,000. She did highlight that windows have received a Heritage Permit from the City of Kitchener and that they are waiting for confirmation on the door/surround. M. McCreery noted that Sandra Parks, Heritage Planner for City of Kitchener has indicated there should be no reason why the City wouldn't approve the Heritage Permit for the door/surround. M. McCreery stated she will bring forward a motion that included funding is contingent on the Heritage permit for the door/surround.

A Foundation member questioned the amount being given to a private property owner and asked about the grant policies having a cap on maximum funding.

Moved by M. McCreery

Seconded by N. Richbell

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve a grant to David Schooley for the restoration of the front door/surround and windows at 920 Orr Court, Kitchener in the amount of 50% of the project cost including HST to a maximum of \$30,000. This grant is contingent on the approval of Heritage permit application for the window restoration.

And the restoration is completed before March 28th, 2018, 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 paid invoices and receipts be submitted to the Foundation upon completion of the project with request for payment.

Carried

ii) Project/Event Grant – Createscape Waterloo Region – The Prime Ministers' Educational Resource and Statue Project

M. McCreery introduced the application and noted that A&F never came to a consensus on this application and whether it fits into the Foundation's criteria. She quoted the grant policies stating, "a significant portion of the proposed project must be directly related to the heritage of the Region of Waterloo. She noted that the project as a whole is federal based but the applicants are specifically requesting for funding of the William Lyon Mackenzie King statue who was born and raised in the Waterloo Region. She briefly talked about funding and highlighted that Createscape already has enough funding to complete the Mackenzie King statue. She noted it is up to the Foundation on whether they want to fund the project and if so how much. A&F suggested a modest amount of \$5000.00.

Moved by M. McCreery

Seconded by L. Turner

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve a grant to Createscape Waterloo Region in the amount of \$5000 for the creation of the statue of William Lyon Mackenzie King by artist Morgan MacDonald.

Some members pointed out a contract has been signed with the artist and discussed what is considered a completed and/or almost completed project and gave examples of other applicants who did not receive funding because projects were near completion.

Some members discussed in detail the importance of the project explaining the local connection and the education piece to the project. Many members expressed their support for the project.

Discussion occurred around lack of funding from other levels of government and if the project will ever fully be completed. Some Committee members raised questions as to the project fitting into the grant policies as well as the controversy surrounding the project.

A Foundation member expressed concern with the amount of \$5000 not being significant enough and highlighted the importance of providing funding for this project and suggested an amount of \$25,000.00.

Foundation members discussed making a friendly amendment to the motion to change the amount to \$25,000. Members agreed to deal with the original motion first.

Moved by M. McCreery

Seconded by L. Turner

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve a grant to Createscape Waterloo Region in the amount of \$5000 for the creation of the statue of William Lyon Mackenzie King by artist Morgan MacDonald.

Motion Lost

Moved by M. McCreery

Seconded by L. Turner

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve a grant to Createscape Waterloo Region in the amount of \$25,000 for the creation of the statue of William Lyon Mackenzie King by artist Morgan MacDonald.

Carried

M. McCreery highlighted a presentation she did to the KW Realtors on February 14, 2017.

M. McCreery stated she authorized the final payment to Social Innovations for the launch of their website and pointed out they will be attending the next meeting to present their website.

b) Communications Committee

D. Bonk highlighted that the AGM on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 will be held at the Victoria Park Pavilion and they are currently looking for a guest speaker.

Members provided suggestions of topics and potential speakers.

c) Heritage Advisory Committee

- J. Lewis highlighted that HAC has received four award nominations; two for Awards of Excellence, one for the Jean Steckle award and one for the Sally Thorsen award.
- J. Lewis also pointed out that the information on the website regarding the deadline for the History Prize is incorrect. The date should say March not April and will continue to take submissions until April.
- L. Turner provided a sample cast aluminum plaque for members to view. He stated the aluminum plaques are \$100.00 cheaper than the bronze plaques which also includes installation of the plaques.

Clarification was provided on which projects currently receive plaques and members discussed the price of bronze and the significant increase of bronze plaques being stolen.

d) Executive Committee

No report.

Reports – Member Organizations

a) ACO North Waterloo

No report.

b) ACO Cambridge

It was noted on behalf of B. Paddock that the ACO Cambridge AGM will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall Museum and Education Centre in Cambridge.

- c) Waterloo Historical Society
- N. Maitland highlighted the next meeting will be April 1st, 2017 at the Waterloo Region Museum. The TriUniversity Graduate student Association will provide brief talks on their research related to Canadian History.
- d) Waterloo Region Ontario Genealogical Society
- D. Bonk highlighted they continue to scan books.

Correspondence

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

Other Business

- a) E. Flewwelling asked if Foundation members wanted to receive their agenda packages electronically. Members agreed to have the agendas emailed out the week prior to the meeting and be provided with hard copies at the meeting.
- b) M. McCreery stated that A&F have reviewed the Grant Policies and asked E. Flewwelling to email the draft policies to the members for review and comment.

Next Meeting – April 25, 2017

Adjourn

Moved by L. Turner

Seconded by J. Lewis

That the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

Foundation Chair, W. Stauch

Foundation Secretary, E. Flewwelling