### WATERLOO REGIONAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 6:37 p.m. Room 218 Regional Administration Building 150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Chair S. Rung, D. Bonk, P. Clarke, A. Crerar, A. Dias, T. Galloway, J. Glass, L. Haggerty, J. Lewis, S. Lovell, S. Massel, M. McCreery, J. Roberts, K. Seiling, and L. Turner

Members absent: Z. Janecki, B. Paddock, W. Stauch

#### **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

#### **DELEGATIONS**

a) Kathleen Cleland Moyer and John Moyer Re: Grant Application Backyard Theatre "Nowhere Ontario"

K. Cleland Moyer explained how the Backyard Theatre began and the premises of the historical play from the eyes of an eight year old boy in the Victoria Park community of Berlin in 1912-1916 during the First World War. She articulated the historical impact the play has had on the community. There was a growing interest for the showings and they have outgrown their backyard venue. The grant request was for the cost of a larger venue at the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts, Kitchener.

A copy of her presentation is attached to the minutes.

K. Cleland Moyer explained how seeing the play provided an understanding and appreciation for the Region's heritage.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by D. Bonk SECONDED by J. Lewis

THAT the minutes of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation meeting held on October 23, 2012, be approved

**CARRIED** 

#### **ACCOUNTS AND GRANT SUMMARY**

The Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation November 2012 Disbursements was presented for review.

MOVED by L. Turner SECONDED by S. Massel

THAT up to \$3,500 from the 2012 Heritage Scholarship budget be re-allocated to purchase ten (10) funding recognition plaques in 2012.

CARRIED

The Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation draft 2013 Budget was presented for approval. A copy is appended to the original minutes.

MOVED by L. Haggarty SECONDED by S. Lovell

THAT the 2013 Budget for the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation be approved as presented at its meeting on November 27, 2012.

**CARRIED** 

#### **2012-2013 COMMITTEES**

#### **Allocations and Finance Committee**

- a) Request for grant extension James Burrell and Carol Gregory, Ament-Burrell House, 70 Arthur Road West, Heidelberg, property rehabilitation projects
  - L. Haggarty provided an overview of the request.

MOVED by L. Haggerty SECONDED by P. Clarke

THAT the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve an extension to the deadline for the grant to James Burrell and Carol Gregory for property rehabilitation projects at 70 Arthur Road West, Heidelberg to May 31, 2013, subject to all original grant conditions being met.

#### **CARRIED**

- b) Project/Event Grant Application Backyard Theatre, remount of the Play titled *Nowhere Ontario* 
  - L. Haggarty reviewed the proposed budget for the remount of the play. She noted that the request was for the venue, rehearsal space and insurance.

MOVED by L. Haggarty SECONDED by P. Clarke

THAT the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approves a grant to Backyard Theatre in the amount of \$2,000 toward the cost of the venue, Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts, for the remount of the play titled *Nowhere Ontario*, as described in the application for grant funding;

AND THAT the project be completed by November 27, 2013, a one year period from the date of the approved motion;

AND THAT suitable acknowledgement of the Foundation's contribution is made using the official name Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation and the Foundation's logo, to be provided by the Foundation, to appear in all printed materials and advertising;

AND THAT a statement of account with copies of supporting invoices be submitted to the Foundation upon completion of the event with written request for payment;

AND FURTHER THAT the applicant agree that the event details, printed materials and advertising provided by the applicant to the Foundation, and the Foundation's support of such, may be used by the Foundation for such purposes as promotional materials and on the Foundation's website.

#### **CARRIED**

- c) Project/Event Grant Application Township of Wellesley, Crosshill Town Hall, 4805 William Hastings Line, Crosshill, roof replacement
  - L. Haggarty advised that the Committee did not wish to proceed with this application.
- d) Publication Grant Application Heritage Resource Centre, Grand River Watershed Heritage Bridge Inventory
  - L. Haggarty requested that the applicant be invited to the January Foundation meeting to provide an overview of the application.
- e) Consolidated Grant Policies
  - L. Haggarty advised that the Committee is working on the consolidated grant policies and a draft would be available in February for the Foundation's consideration.

There was discussion about funding requests for local Heritage Conservation Districts and it was noted that they fall under the local municipality's responsibility.

#### **Communications Committee**

S. Rung provided an update on WRHF promotional materials indicating that Heritage banners and bookmarks should be ready by the end of the year.

#### **Heritage Advisory Committee**

S. Lovell regrettably advised that no research awards were received. The Foundation explored ideas to create awareness for next year, such as, a feature on the Foundation's Website, flyers at the schools and on school websites. A. Crerar spoke about what the schools do for student awareness.

The Heritage recognition plaques will be installed by the end of the year.

#### **REPORTS – MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

- a) P. Clarke gave a verbal update on the N-W Branch, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. Their Christmas celebration will be held on December 9, 2012 at the former Charles August Ahren's Home at 262 Queen Street. Work continues on the designations of the Rockway Seniors Centre bed and breakfast and the Stouffer Drive extension to New Dundee. Also, the Township of Woolwich will consider designating the Chalmers Presbyterian Church, in Winterbourne, for heritage interest.
- b) J. Glass provided a verbal update on the Waterloo Historical Society and advised that the year end meetings were held on November 6, 2012 and Lesley Webb was appointed as President of the Waterloo Historical Society. They are working on programming for the 101<sup>st</sup> year and the 100<sup>th</sup> annual volume will be published in the spring of 2013.
- c) D. Bonk gave a verbal update on the Waterloo Region, Ontario Genealogical Society and advised that the 1<sup>st</sup> annual ancestors photograph night to be held in December and explained the program information.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

The correspondence folder was circulated among board members at the meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) S. Rung advised that Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation's 40th Anniversary is 2013 and the Annual General Meeting will have a higher profile and was open to any other ideas to recognize and celebrate throughout the year.
- b) A. Dias inquired about the Foundation's interest in a company called Formulating Change. She indicated that the company has a program for individuals to "round up" their Interact purchase transactions the difference is donated to the charity of their choice. She wondering if the Foundation would be interested in being one the charitable groups individuals could chose to donate. There was discussion about whether the Foundation would be interested in this type of initiative. However, the Foundation agreed to invite Formulating Change to the February 2013 meeting to provide more information about their program.
- c) A. Crerar indicated that third year Wilfred Laurier University students in the Practice of Public History are available for a couple hours a week from January through April. He gave background on the students and asked if there was anything members would like them to work. D. Bonk agreed to come up with some ideas and forward them to S. Rung for submission to the University.
- d) S. Lovell spoke about Bob Woolner who passed away on Friday, November 23, 2012. She spoke about his involvement in the heritage preservation of his family farm located on Zeller Drive in Kitchener. She spoke about the memorial service being held in his memory at the site on December 8, 2012.

It was noted that the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation annual Heritage Showcase will be held on February 16, 2013 at Conestoga Mall.

**NEXT MEETING** – January 22, 2013

#### **ADJOURN**

MOVED by T. Galloway SECONDED by J. Glass

That the meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

FOUNDATION CHAIR, S. Rung

FOUNDATION SECRETARY, J. Reid

# Backyard Theatre presents

Nowhere, Ontario May 9-11, 2013



- ...spectacular, fun and inspirational...
- ...Fabulous! Amazed how I could be tearing up one minute and then laughing the next...
- …a story to savour…

## **Artistic Impact**

• As a Lutheran, I had heard the story of Rev. Tappert my whole life...it was so meaningful to me to see it mentioned on stage...no longer a secret held by a few (Lutheran Minister, originally from Kitchener)

 After the play, I began looking at the buildings in Kitchener differently...what a rich history...

(Young professional working in Waterloo)

## **Community Impact**

 I know now what is meant by a World War...it impacted people in significant ways even in a small town in the middle of Ontario...

(First year Medical student from Montreal)

 The way grief was dealt with in the play was extremely powerful...

(Local Hospital Chaplain)

## **Community Impact**

Every councillor should see this play!

Mayor Carl Zehr (to Rick Cober Bauman)

**Community Impact**