

Petrolia Heritage Committee

Wednesday January 15, 2014

Victoria Hall

Present: Dave Hext, Martin Dillon, Liz Welsh, Heidi McNabb, Mary Jane Samela, Susan McEwen, Jean Bradshaw

1. S. McEwen moved H. McNabb 2nd

To accept minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting with amendments. CARRIED

2. Petrolia Heritage members are working on interpretive signage for the historic standpipe water tower. The water tower is included on a town walking tour is an excellent example of 19th century engineering. Dave Hext and John Phair will provide photos and text, Mary Jane Samela is getting costs and design, Liz will draft letters for funding requests.

Correspondence:

Doors Open Lambton County will be returning in 2014. The event, June 21 and 22, will celebrate the last 100 years by exploring Lambton's contributions to the First World War (1914 - 1918), the incorporation of the City of Sarnia in 1914, and the many other achievements the community has made. As a heritage representative, I would like to extend an invitation to your community to take part in this event.

The event's Steering Committee is looking for unique heritage sites from across the County to participate. We are looking for architecturally or historically significant sites in your community. Ideal sites are usually inaccessible to the public and can include private residences, businesses, institutions and natural spaces. This is a great opportunity for Lambton County's most impressive architecture and best heritage attractions to shine.

The Steering Committee is also looking for additional members to help organize this year's event. We are looking for interested representatives from heritage groups, cultural organizations, and community stakeholders who want to celebrate Lambton's unique history.

Doors Open Lambton County is a part of Doors Open Ontario, a province-wide celebration of community heritage. It provides residents and visitors with a unique opportunity to explore links to the past.

For more information, please see the Doors Open Lambton County website at www.doorsopenlambtoncounty.ca.

Cheers,

Doors Open Lambton County Steering Committee

Heather Lavallee, MLIS

Archivist

Lambton County Archives

3. The Petrolia Heritage Committee is unable to participate in Doors Open for 2014. We have a number of other events this year that will require our time. We would certainly consider for another year. Petrolia heritage members are happy to provide a few volunteer hours at a site for Doors Open 2014.

4. Petrolia Heritage will meet with all Hillsdale Cemetery Tour 2013 participants and begin organizing for 2014.

5. Charlie Fairbank has vintage films of Petrolia and area he is currently having converted to DVD- members discussed a possible screening evening (possibly Fall 2014) at Victoria Hall as a free community event with donations toward heritage projects.

6. Once the 2014 budget is approved Heritage will complete Hillsdale Cemetery research for the 2014 Tour and update of the Heritage Register.

7. Heritage Week Event

Your Family Scanning Day at the Petrolia Library

Saturday February 22, 11:00am - 3:00pm

Representatives from Petrolia Heritage, Lambton Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and the Lambton County Archives will be on hand to scan, print and save your family memories. All scanning is free; there will be a small charge for memory sticks and printing. Petrolia Camera Club members will have a light box to photograph your small artifacts with museum quality.

8. J. Bradshaw moved H. McNabb 2nd

To amend the Heritage Tax Rebate submission dates to read September 1 - December 31 each year.

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9. An open house will be held for the 100th Anniversary of Baines Machine Shop on Friday May 23 - time to be determined.

10. H. McNabb moved to adjourn