

MINUTES
McKELLAR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 5, 2013.

MEMBERS:

PRESENT - Ted Stroud, Tamara Black, Vivian Moore, Jean Kingston, John Moffat, Joyce Hopkins

REGRETS - Kelsey Ward, Irva Stewart

I.) Moved by Joyce Hopkins, Seconded by Ted Stroud, that the Minutes of the May 1, 2013 meeting, be accepted. (13-14) Carried.

II.) No declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

III.) Visitors - Stephen Webb

IV.) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Stephen Webb forwarded the letter that the Township sent to the Stewards of the McKellar United Church in response to the request that the Stewards made to the Township on February 28, 2013, that the Township accept ownership of the Hemlock Church property. Council is asking the Historical Committee to comment on this matter.

Stephen Webb forwarded a letter he received from Mr. Jim Pyke regarding the True Blue Hall, and Stephen's request to him for further information.

V.) **REPORTS OF MEMBERS:**

Vivian Moore reported that our potential new members will be attending future meetings.

Vivian Moore displayed a copy of the new Doors Open Ontario 2013 pamphlet.

Vivian Moore reported that she believes that it would be nice to have a historical collections of cookbooks for the Heritage Room. She has started collecting. Discussion ensued which suggested that it would be nice to obtain a collection of local historical recipes that the committee could print and bind into a heritage cookbook.

Joyce Hopkins provided copies of the pamphlet that she created for the Heritage Room, which provides a self guided tour through the Heritage Room.

Joyce had extended some invitations to local longtime residents to attend our meetings to speak about McKellar history at our meetings.

Joyce displayed a framed photo that Ken Jackson provided of the Jackson barn on Balsam Road, which will be used in conjunction with the barn inventory project.

Joyce reported that the display for the Active Living Fair is almost completed. In large part the display used for the Barb Kerr Retirement function will be re-used.

Joyce reported that she will contact a relative that she has who may have information on the St. Stephen's Church.

Ted Stroud shared some information from "That's History" by John Macfie.

Stephen Webb reported that the McDougall School grade 3/4 class trip is occurring on June 12th. The Heritage Room will be toured by the students on this day.

VI) **MOTION and NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Moved by Joyce Hopkins, Seconded by Jean Kingston, that the Historical Committee of the Township of McKellar accept Elaine Hotchkiss as a member. (13-15) Carried.

VII) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The McKellar Historical Committee will keep the following items in mind as ongoing or future projects;

*website - ongoing

*digitize photos/records - is ongoing with the new document camera.

*plaques - Kelsey is going to move forward and order the plaque, at which time the application for the grant can be submitted.

*road names/landmarks history and origins - John Moffat is documenting these on the map he has been provided. He has been able to mark Parker's Flats.

*McKellar Elders Book - Joyce continues to work on this, she now has approximately 20 residents ready to be interviewed. The formatting of the book has been completed.

*Walking Tour Booklet - complete. 225 copies have been printed, Stephen will pick up this week. This item will be removed from the next Agenda.

*Doors Open Ontario - September 28, 2013 - 10:00 - 4:00 in the Heritage Room.

- *Barn binder - Joyce is working on this with community volunteers.
- *Lumberjack Memorial - the committee to investigate options for a Memorial for St. Stephen's cemetery for the unknown lumberjacks who are buried there. Joyce is investigating the price of a small stone monument.
- *Active Living Fair - June 22 - The Heritage Room will be open this day from 10:00 - 2:00. This item will be removed from the next Agenda.

VIII) **NEW BUSINESS**

Township ownership of historically significant property - Tamara brought forward that we may need a policy to address the committee's role in any historically significant property that the Township may acquire. The committee should also review the methods and benefits of designating a property as a municipal heritage site under the Ontario Heritage Act. The topic needs to be added to the next Agenda.

Tamara to begin documenting perceived 'McKellarisms' that are brought forward at meetings by members or visitors.
ie. Historically residents of McKellar referred to the sidewalk as the street. When commenting to a McKellar resident, 'It's a nice day', they would likely answer, 'It is so'.

IX) **TASKS TO BE COMPLETED:**

X) Moved by Jean Kingston, seconded by Joyce Hopkins, that the McKellar Historical Committee adjourn. (13-16)
Next meeting to be at 6:00p.m. on September 4, 2013 in the Council Chambers.