

**MINUTES**  
**McKELLAR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2012.**

**MEMBERS:**

PRESENT - Joyce Hopkins, Ted Stroud, Tamara Black, John Moffat, Vivian Moore, Irva Stewart

REGRETS - Jean Kingston, Dave Turner, Kelsey Ward

I.) Moved by Ted Stroud, seconded by John Moffat that the Minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting, be accepted. (12-26) Carried.

II.) No declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

III.) Visitors - n/a

**IV.)CORRESPONDENCE:**

**V.) REPORTS OF MEMBERS:**

Tamara reported that she discussed placing signage on the fence to the Community Centre with the Clerk. The Clerk was not aware of any reason that the committee could not proceed.

Tamara reported that the Township was successful in the application for an intern position for one year. The job will be posted this month, with interviews planned for December, and a start date of early January 2013. The intern will be shared by the Economic Development Committee, the Recreation Committee, and the Historical Committee.

Tamara reported that she followed up with attempting to obtain the file cabinets, but they were already gone.

Vivian reported that she has a sample loan agreement from the West Parry Sound District Museum, which the committee will need to sign in order to have one or both of the Broadbent Victory Club quilts on display in the Heritage Room. Tamara will provide the agreement to the Clerk to review.

Joyce reported that Mr. Brownley brought in a newspaper article and photographs of the original Brownley "free grant" home.

Joyce reported that Adele Campbell has donated several items to the Heritage Room. One of the items of note was a collection of burial permits from the early 1900s.

Joyce has been in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Smalldon, who have offered to help document the local barns. They are in the process of photographing all existing barns.

Joyce has referred two reporters to Evelyn Moore for information/ photographs of the Angst store.

Joyce has been reviewing the standards for Canadian museums. In doing so, she has identified an area of concern which is storage for artifacts not on display. The areas behind the interior doors may be suitable if the artifacts are well protected from dust. Another area of concern is that no one handling the artifacts has any training in doing so. Tamara questioned whether we would need to meet the standards for Canadian museums. Joyce asked if anyone could volunteer in the Heritage Room this Saturday from 12 - 2 during the Bake Sale. Vivian offered to do so.

Vivian reported that last week when she manned the Heritage Room she had 5 visitors.

Vivian reported that she has been approached by two people who each want to donate a quilt to the Heritage Room.

Irva reported that she had 2 visitors through the Heritage Room two weeks ago.

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

Moved by Irva Stewart, Seconded by Ted Stroud that the McKellar Historical Committee submit some of John Moffat's writings to the Great North Arrow for publication, under the heading "Historical Notes from McKellar", and with an announcement of the Heritage Room open hours of Saturdays 10:00 - noon. (12- 27) Carried.

#### VII) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

\*website - Ted continues to work on the website. Kelsey created a website as well but it is not linked to the Township website. Both websites need more information added.

\*digitize photos/records - has commenced, needs to be ongoing.

\*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 will document

these on the map he has been provided.

\*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 - we have the file on cd to create more Walking Tour Booklets. Over the winter we will approach a professional printer to inquire about costs to print more.

\*Doors Open Ontario - Tamara to contact Anna Marie Harris to obtain more information about this.

\*Barn binder - Joyce and Dave are 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.

#### VIII) **NEW BUSINESS:**

Great North Arrow newspaper - Tamara circulated the latest copy of the Great North Arrow newspaper. She suggested that the committee may want to consider submitting articles relevant to the Heritage Room and local McKellar history on a regular basis. This could be done by a committee member or by the Intern in the new year.

The committee discussed submitting some of John Moffat's writings initially. John will make copies of some of his work and provide it to Tamara to type up and submit.

St. Stephen's Church - Tamara brought up information that she was provided by a member of Council regarding St. Stephen's Church. It was suggested that the Historical Committee could look into having the property designated as an Historical site.

John clarified that the Church is under the Deisis of Algoma.

Tamara will follow up with the Township office to see what information is on file about the Church.

Heritage Room Special Event Proposal - Joyce spoke of having an event to showcase the Heritage Room, as well as being a celebration of Christmas, and possibly a fundraising event. The event would be a house tour within the Township, with traditional baking occurring at each house, and would end with a luncheon at the community centre and a visit to the Heritage Room with a gifted booklet of traditional recipes. Joyce suggested 1:00 - 4:00 on either December 15 or 16. There was discussion of concern with

the timelines that would have to be met to be able to make the event happen. Joyce asked for the opportunity to make inquiries to see if she could get enough interest from residents who would like to have their home on the tour. The committee gave informal direction to allow Joyce to proceed with the inquiries.

IX) **TASKS TO BE COMPLETED:**

X) Moved by Ted Stroud, seconded by Irva Stewart, that the McKellar Historical Committee adjourn. (12-28)  
Next meeting to be at 6:00p.m. on December 5, 2012 in the Council Chambers.