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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Thursday, August 11, 2016

Members Present:

Linda Maurer – President
Betty Caldwell – Vice President
Rakel Gray – Treasurer
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Trina Chatelain – Heritage Co-ordinator
Dona Crawford
Nieves Guijarro
David Gray
Lorne Main
Jarv Osborne
Mike Quinton
Wilma Bentley

Guest: Leanne Fetterley, Deputy Clerk from Township of Ryerson – Ontario 150 Grants Representative

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Linda Maurer in the Chair.

Welcome:

Linda welcomed Members & Guests. Leanne Fetterley was introduced to the Members and Trina Chatelain was welcomed back.

Delegation:

Leanne Fetterley advised Members that a Committee is to be formed in preparation of the Canada's 150th in 2017. Grants are being offered at the Federal and Provincial levels with tight deadlines. Leanne is looking to apply for the Ontario 150 Community Celebration Program and eligible projects include themed multicultural events and community celebrations, commemorative ceremonies, food festivals, art exhibitions, sporting events/competitions, public workshops and youth innovation or entrepreneur



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competitions. The plan is to have three (3) celebrations: Ryerson Yard Sale at the municipal yard the weekend before Canada Day and an event at the Schoolhouse, Canada Day Celebration with all three municipalities participating in the Village of Burk's Falls and Heritage Day at the Watt Farmhouse on the third weekend. The plan is to enhance the events to make Canada Day a better celebration. Heritage Day would be part of the celebration and tie together the three events. Suggestions included a Steamship Era at the Schoolhouse and a Farming theme at the Farmhouse. A partnership with ROM (Toronto) and Science North was suggested by Linda Maurer for a travelling exhibit to attract children and speciality displays to engage the youth. Dona Crawford suggested a logging theme with Mike Quinton adding to the idea for displays of photos and equipment.

Other Ontario Grants include the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program and the Ontario 150 Partnership Program. The Township of Armour has submitted an application for a ramp at the Watt Farmhouse under Ontario 150 Community Capital Program.

Leanne requested volunteers from the Historical Society to join the Canada 150 Committee. Dona Crawford stated that she would be interested in joining and Charlene Watt indicated that she would inquire with the Township of Armour to see if she would be permitted to join the Committee. Meetings would occur during business hours of the municipal office.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the July 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes: **Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Dave Gray. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Raket Gray. Revenue received in the month of July totalled \$1,755.00. Expenses for July totalled \$2,253.99. The bank balance on June 30, 2016 was \$10,547.35; bank balance on July 30, 2016 was \$10,049.26; bank balance on August 3, 2016 was \$17,209.53. Financial Report has been attached for review. Invoices to pay include: Township of Armour for case of paper: \$32.12; Northern Disposal & Sanitation for port-a-potty rentals: \$350.30. Betty Caldwell submitted \$506.00 to Raket for calendars and donations. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Lorne Main, Seconded by Wilma Bentley. Carried**

Committee Reports: None



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General Business:

1. *Heritage Day:* Linda Maurer commended Members on a job well done. Heritage Day was considered a success. Consideration for next year included adding events to the day to fill the advertised hours. Linda Maurer apologized to Lorne Main because he was to be awarded a plaque dedicating the Military Room at the Watt Farmhouse in his name; however the plaque was misplaced on Heritage Day. Apologies to Lorne for not recognizing him as planned on Heritage Day. The plaque has since been located and Diane Brandt mounted the recognition plate outside the Military Room.
2. *Heritage Co-ordinator Update:* Trina Chatelain reported on the last month's current and future projects. The report has been attached for Member review.

Linda indicated that we need volunteers for dates after the summer students have fulfilled their employment hours and since the one student finishes before the other, we need volunteers to ensure that the remaining summer student is not working alone. **Please contact Linda if you can volunteer on August 28th, September 4th and/or September 11th.**

Trina indicated that the door stop in the garage at the Watt Farmhouse needs to be repaired. Linda Maurer will contact Northland Power.

Trina and Mike Quinton suggested that the Historical Society implement a Collecting Mandate and Policy to set some rules regarding the acceptance of historical items. Not everything needs to be accepted by the Historical Society, geographic location limitations, etc.

Trina reported to Members that Newsletter contributions are being drafted. The new format that was created by Karen Jones Consulting is to be used but a Word format is needed as Trina can only locate a PDF version. The Newsletter is in the planning process right now.

3. *Fall Programs:* Dona Crawford has volunteered to set up a Burk's Falls & District Historical Society table at the Fall Fair from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dona Crawford suggested that on September 29, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, we hold a celebration of British Home Child Day at the Watt Farmhouse.

Suggestions for October included a psychic/ghost story evening, pumpkin carving display day and craft sales.



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Members were asked by Linda Maurer to come to the next meeting with an idea to share for Fall/Winter Events.

4. *Charity Registration Number:* Linda advised that the application for a charity registration for the historical society from the Canada Revenue Agency has been completed and will be sent.
5. *Tale of A Town:* Nieves Guijarro indicated that there is a group of people that travel around Canada and interview local residents regarding local history. This venture is in part of the Canada 150 Celebration. Nieves has registered us in the social media campaign.
6. *Donations:* Nieves Guijarro addressed the Members indicating that extra books from the Library are being donated to the Historical Society and that they are good local history books. Nieves also presented a children's story book to Members titled: "Bocconcinio Di Parma Saves the Day" and was dropped off by the author, Lynn Whitlaw Varey. The Watt Farmhouse donkey, Pancake was the inspiration for the book.

Historical photos were provided to Linda Maurer as well as historical Boy Scout documents from the Boy Scout Camp on Pickerel Lake.

7. *Lt-Col. Victor Fell:* Lorne Main indicated that he has completed further research on Lt-Col. Victor Fell and went to look at the grave marker. Lorne provided Members with a copy of his report, which is attached titled "Did You Know." Lorne indicated that the grave marker is sinking into the ground and suggested we look into a cost to repair it. Linda Maurer mentioned that we should contact Veteran Affairs as they may fund us.
8. *Able Pest Control:* Linda Maurer has obtained a quote from Able Pest Control to treat the cluster flies at the Watt Farmhouse. The outside of the Farmhouse will be treated on September 13, 2016 and again in the spring at a cost of \$383.00.
9. *New Photo Blog Webpage:* Charlene Watt obtained a quote from Client First Canada, our website provider, to create a photo blog page on the website at a cost of \$75.00 per hour. As it stands now, we have nowhere on the website to post photos from Historical Society events. Kristen from Client First Canada stated that she would estimate one hour for building a new page and setting up a photo gallery on it for posting photos. Her suggestion is to set it up in a blog like format so that we can post our photo and write something about it.



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We could also just write text and post. It gives us a bit more flexibility. It would also allow us to set up categories for posts, so it makes it easier for the viewer to locate information. **Motion to authorize Client First Canada to create a photo/blog webpage on our website: Moved by Rakel Gray, Seconded by Mike Quinton. Carried**

Other Business:

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ: The Township of Armour, Village of Burk's Falls and Township of Ryerson are holding a volunteer appreciation BBQ to thank local volunteers for their time on September 10th at the Burk's Falls Fairgrounds from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Councils request Members presence for a free BBQ in appreciation of efforts. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Betty Caldwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., Seconded by Dona Crawford.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Linda Maurer, President

REVENUE	Deposit	Total deposit	Member ships	Post cards	Sale of Books + DVDs	Public Donation	Legion Donation	Mun Donation	Prov Grants	Fund Raisers	Bank Interest	Sale of Calendars	Sale of News-paper	Misc	Events	Total	Bank Reconciliation
Mar 1/2016 Bank balance forward																	Bank Reconciliation
Mar 31/15 Bank Interest	0.65	0.65									0.65						9,283.20
April 15, Armour Grant	5,000.00	5,000.00						5,000.00									6,100.94
Calendar sales	16.00	0.70									0.70	16.00					3,182.91
Bank Interest	0.70	0.70															Mar 31/2016 Bank Balance
Donation Jar	25.00	5,041.70				25.00		5,000.00			1.35	16.00					5,041.70
	5,041.70	5,041.70				25.00		5,000.00			1.35	16.00					11,142.64
																	2,984.27
May 18/16 Bank Interest	0.94	0.94									0.94						10,844.37
May 17/16 Ryerson grant	500.00	500.00						500.00									Reconciled to Bank Statement
May 17/16 Donation Jar	15.00	15.00				15.00						16.00					11,996.29
May 17/16 Calendars	16.00	16.00															Reconciled to Bank Statement
May 30/16 Donations	43.85	43.85				43.85											
May 30/16 Back Fly Tea	65.00	65.00													65.00		
May 30/16 Donation Jar	5.00	5.00				5.00					0.94	16.00					645.79
	645.79	645.79				63.85		500.00			0.94	16.00					93.87
Total																	11,996.29
June																	
Jun 30/16 Bank Interest	0.91	0.91	30.00								0.91						30.91
Jun 15/16 Membership Dues	30.00	30.00	30.00								0.91						879.85
Total	30.91	30.91	30.00								0.91						10,547.35
																	Reconciled to Bank Statement
July																	
Jul 8/16 Strong Ag Calendars	1,000.00	1,000.00										1,000.00					1,755.90
Jul 8/16 Donations	200.00	200.00				200.00											2,253.99
Jul 18/16 Donations	84.00	84.00				84.00											10,049.26
Jul 18/16 Books	279.00	279.00				279.00											Reconciled to Bank Statement
Jul 18/16 DVD	32.00	32.00				32.00											
Jul 18/16 DVD	32.00	32.00				32.00											
Jul 18/16 Bottle Return	10.00	10.00				10.00							10.00				
Jul 20/16 Strong Ag Newspaper	100.00	100.00				100.00					0.90		100.00				
Jul 20/16 Donations	50.00	50.00				50.00					0.90						
Interest	0.90	0.90															
Total	1,755.90	1,755.90				361.00					0.90	1,000.00	100.00	10.00			1,755.90
						284.00											16,446.87
August																	
Sales from Wait Fare	89.00	89.00				1.00						30.00	30.00	3.00			7,216.71
Diane - whit give crec	24.86	24.86												24.86			819.10
BF Donation	5,000.00	5,000.00						5,000.00									Estimated
Armour Donation	2,102.85	2,102.85						2,102.85									
Interest																	
Total	7,216.71	7,216.71				1.00		7,102.85				30.00	30.00	27.86			Bank Balance As of August 31st
																	17,209.53

Treasurer's Report - August 2016

Update from Heritage Co-ordinator

Getting Started:

- Training and Orientation
- Health and Safety Training
- Grant Forms/Employee Forms

Completed Projects:

- Cleaned entire Watt Farmhouse
- Applied UV filtering film on windows – to protect artifacts from the sunlight's UV Radiation
- Refreshed and Updated all Displays
- Created new "Sewing Room/Textile" Display
- Made WWI Display
- Preparation and assistance with Heritage Day
- Produced interactive element to kitchen display – "Guess the Artifact Game"
- Submitted articles to be included in Newsletter
- Researched artifacts – created interpretive labels
- Developed a Gift Shop Sales Binder which includes: the full inventory of all merchandise, and a sales record sheet to be completed with each sale, and then submitted with the funds to the Treasurer
- Cleaned and organized Garage
- Organized closet off of Dining Room

Current Projects:

- Inventory of all artifacts on display to include: Object name, Object ID, Brief Description, Location, Condition, Status, and other stats (Over 600 Artifacts inventoried so far)
- Photographing all artifacts: to be included on catalogue records – images then edited and labelled with Object ID Number
- Continue to research artifacts and add interpretive labels around displays
- Accession List to go in front of Accession Binder – will have two lists: one sorted by Accession number, and the other by Donor Last name – this will act as a quick reference when looking up donor information
- Perform opening/closing/cleaning procedures each day to keep the Museum Running
- Researching/Applying for Grants (Ontario 150, CCSF)

Future Projects:

- Filling out Catalogue cards....need new catalogue form from Donna
- Inventory storage room – need new shelves
- Organize storage room – need new shelves
- What projects would you like to see completed by the end of our contracts?

2 weeks left until Luke's contract ends, 3 weeks until Victoria's contract ends

“DID YOU KNOW “

In the village of Burk's Falls, there is a branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, next Door to the Legion is a seniors apt. complex and uptown there is a hotel which at Present sits unoccupied . What do all these buildings have in common ?

THE NAME VIC FELL

In ww1 he enlisted in the Princess Patricia's light infantry and was later transferred To the Canadian Machine Gun Corp and attained the rank of Sgt..

In w.w.2 he was battalion commander of The Grey And Simcoe foresters and Attained the rank of Lt. Colonel

After the war he was he was the leader of a group w.w.2 veteran's of the Burk's Falls Area who gathered to apply for a charter to The Royal Canadian Legion. This Application was granted and the new group voted to name the new branch VIC FELL MEMORIAL BRANCH 405. He also was a village business man in that he was the Owner of the Hotel Central.

The local Legion Branch with the help of Stan Darling and Central Mortgage and Housing erected the the seniors housing project next to the Legion and you guessed It, It was named Fell Homes which was opened in 1980.

The Burk's Falls Historical Society continues to research names of the history of the Area and store this information at the Museum for future generations.



In Loving Memory Of
L/T Col. Victor R. Fell
M.M. E.D.
June 22nd 1896 - July 22nd 1958
Beloved Husband Of
E. Vivian Bowie

In Loving Memory Of
Etna Vivian Bowie
May 20th 1897- Nov. 8th 1970
Beloved Wife Of
Victor Roscoe Fell

In Loving Memory Of
John T. Brasher Fell
Aug 15th 1923- April 23rd 1970
Beloved Husband Of
Pauline Bush

These gravemarkers are badly overgrown and I had to scrape the sod and sand to get to read them. They should be cleaned and remounted. They were a prominent family of Burk's Falls.

