

West Toronto Junction Historical Society

6 Oct 2022

7 pm General Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Christopher Sears (President); Richard Lundeen (VP); Dave Muir (Corresponding Secretary); Hope Humphrey (Nominating Committee and Display Coordinator); Cassandra Pollock (L&R Editor); Vandra Masemann (L&R); David Bridge (Archives); plus 35 others.

Minutes recorded by Richard Lundeen

Item	Description	Action
1&2	Welcome - The meeting was called to order by Christopher Sears on Zoom. The Land Acknowledgement was read. Hope also noted that a municipal all-candidates meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 17, 7-8:30 pm at West Toronto Baptist Church on Dundas Street West.	
3	Christopher introduced Vincenzo Pietropaolo and his presentation on “Toronto Stockyards District - Then and Now.” Vince outlined his background as a community planner in the neighbourhood in the 1980s and his subsequent career as a photographer and author. His photographs of the Stockyards district in the 1980s and the same locations recently were assembled for this presentation and have not been published. Unfortunately, the Zoom event was disrupted by ‘Zoom bombers’ until they were removed and the session was locked to new entrants. Then Vince showed his marvelous photos again with a running commentary and responded to questions.	Richard will forward the recording to Diana Fancher and any other members who want to view it.
4	Welcome - the business part of the meeting was called to order by Christopher. Quorum of 10 members was verified. Approximately 20 attended.	
5	Minutes of General Meeting of June 9 2022, posted on the website – There were no immediate comments on these minutes. Hope moved acceptance of the June 9 th minutes, Richard seconded. CARRIED.	If anyone reviewing the minutes has comments or edits to send them to Hope.
6	Treasurer’s Report – In the absence of Treasurer Angie Cruz, Christopher advised that the balance in the BMO account is approximately \$24,000. The Executive will be considering options to invest unallocated funds, which are intended to support the archives and to pay for publishing additional books. There was discussion about what a non-profit	The Executive will consider options to generate investment returns from funds in the WTJHS bank account that are not required to pay bills.

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	organization is permitted to invest in. Diana mentioned that there are outstanding bills to be paid.	
7	Membership Report – In the absence of Membership Secretary Adrian Schincariol, Richard advised that the most recent total of annual and life members was 174, which reflects some growth in our total membership in spite of the pandemic.	
8a)	Updates – Historical Fall Festival – Hope showed the poster for this event to be held on Sunday, October 16 at Baird Park, in conjunction with the West Toronto Lawn Bowling Club. There will be an opportunity to try out lawn bowling, a short talk on Junction history and a 45-minute walking tour led by former WTJHS president Neil Ross. Hope invited everyone to attend and asked for volunteers to help out.	
8b)	Baird Park plaque – Diana Fancher reported that Heritage Toronto wants to update the existing historical plaque in Baird Park but the current proposed rewording drops all references to Canadian Pacific Railway and the significant role it had in the development of the Junction. Diana moved that the Society authorize Diana Fancher to work with Heritage Toronto to ensure that the role of Canadian Pacific in the formation and development of the village/town/city of West Toronto Junction is suitably memorialized in the new plaque they are proposing for Baird Park, seconded by Madeleine McDowell, CARRIED.	
8c) 8d)	T-shirt sales and Junction Farmers’ Market – Christopher reported on these two update items together. He displayed a summary (attached) of sales of memberships, publications and t-shirts over the summer totaling \$2055 in revenue from 12 single memberships, 4 Red Books, 7 Green Books, 6 2020 colour issues of The Leader and Recorder, 50 t-shirts and one \$10 donation. He advised that we have 29 t-shirts left for sale at the October events and noted that the Annette branch librarian would like to add t-shirts to the WTJHS items available for sale at the library. He proposed that an additional t-shirt printing order be placed. Diana noted that there is a current problem for the library in accepting payment for our publications that also will apply for sale of t-shirts. Christopher responded that this will be part of his discussion with the branch librarian. Christopher moved that the Society authorize him to place an order for an additional 50 t-shirts in appropriate sizes, seconded by Vandra Masemann, CARRIED.	Christopher to place an order for 50 t-shirts in appropriate sizes, and to discuss with the Annette branch librarian the arrangements for the library to sell WTJHS t-shirts to the public.

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8e)	<p>Nominating committee – Hope said we are reaching out to our community and hopes that results in more people volunteering with the Society. Vandra noted that the Society’s website currently doesn’t list the current Executive and lead volunteers so that potential volunteers will be aware of who they would be working with. Diana suggested that we also should add an all-purpose contact button and Frank Remiz emphasized the importance of keeping the website current. Hope advised that our Recording Secretary, Teya Zuzek, has been making time to redesign the website as well as updating for future events. Christopher undertook to look into the suggestions.</p>	<p>Christopher and Richard to investigate these suggestions and to discuss with Teya about appropriate revisions to the website.</p>
8f)	<p>L&R Update – Cass advised that the final steps are in progress for the colour Issue 2 of the L&R, potentially to have the printed copies by Friday October 14th. Then work will start on preparing Issue 3 for printing – the content already is in place apart from the President’s Message.</p>	<p>Christopher to draft his President’s Message for L&R Issue 3</p>
8e)	<p>Future Speakers – Dave Muir advised that a number of potential speakers for 2023 have been contacted but to date only Vince Pietropaolo has been confirmed – October 2023. Additional speaker ideas would be appreciated.</p>	<p>Dave will report back to the next General Meeting on the lineup of speakers for 2023.</p>
8f)	<p>Phone crew canvas of Life Members – Richard advised that the phone crew will launch a canvas of Life Members once L&R Issue 2 has been delivered, with the objective of confirming addresses and their continued interest in receiving the L&R.</p>	<p>Richard will forward all updates about Life Members to the Membership Secretary</p>
8 g)	<p>Other updates and announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher has received an email from the TPL asking him to sign the licence agreement for the archives space in the library. As a result, the monthly amounts will be charged to our bank account. Frank Remiz reminded Christopher that he had forwarded recommendations to reduce the monthly amounts, reflecting input from Linda Moon of the North York Historical Society. • Richard reported that the Society’s social media support for the designation of 1 Weatherell has contributed to approval by City Council. Madeleine had initiated this designation request in 2016 but it had become a priority for the City’s heritage planners in the past few months due to a development proposal. • Diana reported that a listing/designation request for 336 Pacific is underway and the Committee of 	<p>Christopher to review the suggestions that Frank Remiz has sent previously.</p>

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	<p>Adjustment hearing re a proposed demolition has been postponed (architect Abraham Pipher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Madeleine reported that there will be a walk to commemorate Hurricane Hazel on October 15, from Old Mill Station to Lambton House	
9.	<p>Madeleine in the name of Gib Goodfellow moved adjournment 9:33 PM. The motion was CARRIED. The meeting adjourned.</p>	