

West Toronto Junction Historical Society

1 December 2022

7 pm General Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Christopher Sears (President); Richard Lundeen (VP); Angie Cruz (Treasurer); Dave Muir (Corresponding Secretary); Hope Humphrey (Nominating Committee and Display Coordinator); Vandra Masemann (L&R Editorial Group); David Bridge (Archives); plus 55 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.	
3	Christopher introduced Jessica Algie, Educator, Outreach & Public Programming, City of Toronto Archives. Jessica gave her presentation on “Researching the History of Your House” and then responded to questions and comments. She used as research examples the house built for Dr. G.W. Clendenan at the northeast corner of Dundas and Pacific, and 254 Evelyn Avenue, a house once occupied by Richard Gourlay, one of the first teachers at what became Humberside Collegiate Institute and later by the family of a current WTJHS member. Jessica’s presentation was enthusiastically received by the large audience.	
4	Welcome - the business part of the meeting was called to order by Christopher. Quorum of 10 members was verified. Approximately 23 attended.	
5	Minutes of General Meeting of November 3 2022 – Hope summarized the main points from these minutes but did not ask for approval as they had not been posted on the website. There were no immediate comments on these minutes.	November 3 2022 minutes to be posted to the website and presented for approval at the February 2, 2023 general meeting
6	Treasurer’s Report – Angie reported that the balance in the bank account is \$22,896.87. She noted that payments against this balance will be made for printing and mailing of the Leader and Recorder, and reimbursements as well as the TPL license fee once the agreement is finalized and signed. She and Christopher will be meeting soon to go over final items in order to close the books for 2022. Angie moved acceptance of the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Christopher. CARRIED.	

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7	<p>Membership Report – In the absence of Membership Secretary Adrian Schincariol, Richard advised that as of November 14, the total of annual and life members was 176. However, through the Phone Crew’s canvas of Life Members, we are aware of the deaths of six Life Members, reducing the total membership to about 171, which will be reflected in Adrian’s next Membership Report in January.</p>	
8	<p>Proposal to Introduce a Student Membership Category – Christopher and Richard spoke to the revised proposal (reflecting discussion at the November 3rd general meeting) that was posted on the website. The main revisions from the previous version are that the student membership is for full-time students, that full-time students at all educational institutions (i.e., schools, colleges, universities, etc.) are eligible. The annual student membership fee would be \$10, which is approximately the estimated additional cost to provide the three annual issues of The Leader and Recorder to a student member. In discussion, it was mentioned that many schools no longer provide student ID cards, so the wording should be broadened to include a student timetable or other document from the educational institution that confirms that the individual is a full-time student. Richard moved that the proposed student membership category is approved for full-time students effective January 1, 2023, with eligibility based on a completed student membership form and a copy of a document (such as a student card or a student timetable) issued by the educational institution that confirms that the applicant is a full-time student. Seconded by Dave Muir. CARRIED</p>	
9a)	<p>Updates – Baird Park Plaque – Diana Fancher reported that, apart from one of the photos being replaced, it appears that Heritage Toronto’s deadline does not allow additional content revisions. Hope said that she had contacted Indigenous groups to request their help in rewording the first paragraph but hasn’t received a response. She noted that Indigenous contributors generally are paid and there isn’t time to arrange that. Adrian outlined a recent seminar he had participated in where the ‘bead chain of existence’ had only the last two beads representing the era of colonization. It is disappointing that the plaque will focus primarily on the most recent era.</p>	
8b)	<p>T-shirt orders and sales at Annette Library – Christopher reported that he has received the adult t-shirts and the new children’s sized t-shirts. Hope announced that the t-shirts will be for sale on the main floor of the Annette Library on Saturday Dec 10 and 17 between 10:30 am and 2:00 pm.</p>	<p>Christopher to follow up with the speakers this fall to offer each one of our t-shirts in appreciation.</p>

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8c)	<p>Frank Remiz proposed that t-shirts be offered as gifts to speakers at our monthly Zoom meetings. General support. Hope advised that she had given books to last year’s speakers. Vandra suggested connecting with the Junction BIA about publicizing WTJHS as part of their Winter Wonderland theme.</p> <p>Licensing agreement with TPL – Christopher has identified discrepancies and problems in the proposed agreement and will send those to TPL for their attention. He will report back on the TPL response but doesn’t expect to need to write cheques for the monthly fees immediately. He also clarified that because of our need for space in the library for our archives, we are committed to a relationship with the TPL and the need to agree on a licensing fee.</p>	<p>Christopher also to contact the Junction BIA about publicity for WTJHS.</p>
8d)	<p>Nominating committee – Hope said in addition to recruiting for the President and Vice President roles, our campaign in January/February also must focus on the web/media coordinator and social media coordinator roles. She hopes that with the excellent speakers this fall and the strong turnout that new volunteers will come forward. Hope also has reached out to Indigenous groups to check if they would be interested in sharing or using the resources in the archives, but hasn’t heard back yet. If anyone is interested in participating with the Nominating Committee, please send a message to junctionhistorical@gmail.com.</p>	
8e)	<p>L&R Update – Vandra advised Issue 3 ready for printing, with the marvelous article by Diana Fancher on the destruction of the CP station 40 years ago. Several items are ready or in the pipeline for 2023. Vandra feels well enough to continue her role with the L&R Editorial Group for another year.</p>	
8f)	<p>Web/media support – Richard noted that there is no one in the role of web/media support or MailChimp email distribution and, as a result, we had difficulty getting out the notices about the December 1 Zoom event in enough time. More backup is urgently needed as well as a volunteer for the web/media coordinator. David Bridge has offered to provide training. Please volunteer by email to junctionhistorical@gmail.com.</p>	
8g)	<p>Future Speakers – Dave Muir advised that speakers have been confirmed for February, March, May and October 2023. Ted Glenn is booked for February re his new book “A very Canadian Coup.” In discussion, it was proposed that the March speaker, Jane MacNamara, cover land/assessment records as a follow up to Jessica Algie’s presentation this evening. The AGM is planned in April without a presentation.</p>	<p>Dave Muir to contact Jane MacNamara to request that her March 2023 presentation focus on land records, with potentially a second talk in 2024 on the</p>

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8 g)	<p>The May 2023 speaker will be Adam Bunch on a topic to be determined. An Indigenous speaker is proposed for June, not yet confirmed. Vince Pietropaolo will return in October to speak about his new book, “Fifty Years of Photography.” November and December 2023 are open with a further list of potential speakers for those months and in 2024.</p> <p>Other updates and announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madeleine McDowell outlined events scheduled at Lambton House • Lance Gleich said that the 2023 Swansea calendar will be on sale at the Swansea Town Hall as of December 7 and also through the Swansea Historical Society website. The dates of the WTJHS meetings are shown. • Updates provided on 77 and 81 St. John’s Road, both have been for sale and potentially either restored or demolished. 	House of Industry.
9.	<p>Madeleine in the name of Gib Goodfellow moved adjournment 9:33 PM. The motion was CARRIED. The meeting adjourned.</p>	