

Heritage Committee Meeting
AGENDA

Monday, August 21, 2017, 6:00 pm
Tecumseh Town Hall
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE
FOR THE TOWN OF TECUMSEH**

A meeting of the Heritage Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was held on Monday, May 8, 2017 in the Sandwich South Meeting Room at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at the hour of 6:00 pm.

(HC 5-1)

ORDER

The Vice-Chair, calls the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

(HC 5-2)

ROLL CALL

Councillor	- Brian Houston
Member	- Rhonda Dupuis
Vice-Chair	- Ian Froese
Member	- Terry England
Member	- Dwayne Ellis
Member	- Chris Carpenter

Also Present: Deputy Clerk - Christina Hebert

Absent: Councillor - Rita Ossington
Chair - Jerome Baillargeon

(HC 5-3)

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None Reported.

(HC 5-4)

DELEGATIONS

None.

(HC 5-5)

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes

A) Heritage Committee Meeting held April 10, 2017

Motion: (HC-16/17) Moved by Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded by Member Dwayne Ellis

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting held April 10, 2017, be approved.

Carried

Communication for Information

B) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, email dated May 2, 2017 Re: 2017 Ontario Heritage Conference

Motion: (HC-17/17) Moved by Member Dwayne Ellis
Seconded by Member Terry England

THAT Communication B on the May 8, 2017, Heritage Committee Agenda, be received.

Carried

(HC 5-6)

REPORTS

None.

(HC 5-7)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Heritage Property Listing**

Further to the suggestion at the last Committee meeting, the properties on the Heritage Property Listing were divided amongst the Committee for further research including property information, year, architecture/style, sector and a brief description for why the property may have potential heritage value.

The Members advise they are continuing to conduct research on their respective properties.

Member Terry England provides a brief overview on the information he has begun compiling for his respective properties. He is endeavouring to verify his research, particularly historical dates as it relates to Lacasse Park.

Member Dwayne Ellis details the information he found respecting St. Stephen's Cemetery. The Deputy Clerk will contact St. Stephen's Cemetery to confirm the property address.

The Members review the Heritage Property Listing and provide the following additional information:

Property	Amendment
Tecumseh Area Historical Society site including log cabin and sheds	Add – to Brief Description, 'Site of the original railroad station and current location of Lesperance Log Cabin (circa 1799)'

The above-mentioned amendment will be incorporated into the Heritage Property Listing and brought back to the Committee for review.

Canada 150 Mosaic Project

The Deputy Clerk advises the workshop locations have been determined for the Canada 150 Mosaic Project.

The workshops will be held at the Tecumseh Arena on Monday, June 19, 2017 and at Tecumseh Vista Academy on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

Invitations have been sent to area schools to participate in painting the tiles, as well as the community involvement.

Continued planning is underway and further information will be shared as it becomes available.

Volunteers are needed during the workshops to assist with set up, replenishing supplies, clean up, etc. Members who are interested in volunteering are asked to email their availability to the Deputy Clerk.

As well, the Members are asked to provide suggestions of 'celebrity' individuals within the community who should be extended an invitation to paint a tile.

A reminder is provided that the Town is seeking feedback for selecting the location of the mural once permanently assembled.

(HC 5-8)

NEW BUSINESS

None.

(HC 5-9)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 6:00 pm.

(HC 5-10)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (HC-18/17) Moved by Member Dwayne Ellis
Seconded by Member Rhonda Dupuis

THAT there being no further business, the May 8, 2017 meeting of the Heritage Committee be adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Carried

Ian Froese, Vice Chair

Christina Hebert, Deputy Clerk

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(HC 6-1)

ORDER

The meeting was adjourned due to a lack of quorum. No discussion was held and no decisions were made.

(HC 6-2)

ROLL CALL

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Also Present: Deputy Clerk - Christina Hebert

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	Member	- Terry England

(HC 6-3)

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None Reported.

(HC 6-4)

DELEGATIONS

None.

(HC 6-5)

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes

A) Heritage Committee Meeting held May 8, 2017

Motion: (HC-19/17) Moved by
Seconded by

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting held May 8, 2017,
be approved.

Carried

(HC 6-6)

REPORTS

None.

(HC 6-7)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Heritage Property Listing

Tecumseh Historical Archives Online Demonstration

Canada 150 Mosaic Project

(HC 6-8)

NEW BUSINESS

None.

(HC 6-9)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017, at 6:00 pm.

(HC 6-10)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (HC-20/17) Moved by
Seconded by

THAT there being no further business, the June 5, 2017 meeting of the
Heritage Committee be adjourned at ____ pm.

Carried

Ian Froese, Vice Chair

Christina Hebert, Deputy Clerk

Straight Talk on Bill C-323

I've been waiting my whole career for financial incentives for historic places to be discussed in the House of Commons – something that will actually happen when the House resumes this fall. Your letters and meetings helped get Bill C-323 there for review, but more action is needed now! The Bill may not be perfect in its current form, but it is certainly the perfect opportunity to remind the Liberal government of its pre-election promise to consider tax-based measures for heritage, and urge action.

Please read on for everything you need to take action this summer.

Sincerely,

Natalie Bull

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You can change the game for historic places in Canada

This summer, you have a historic opportunity to change the game for historic places in Canada. Private Member's Bill C-323 – An Act to create tax incentives for the rehabilitation of Historic Property – is making Government take notice of the heritage sector. Please tell them what matters. This tool kit from the National Trust gives you everything you need to take action.

What's New?

Many of you already wrote to your own Member of Parliament, and to the Minister of the Environment, who passed your letters on to the Minister of Finance. You likely received replies that raise issues with the Bill, and even state that the Government will oppose it.

Some important facts:

1. Don't forget the promise made by the Liberal Party of Canada, which expressed their willingness to consider financial incentives for historic places in their October 2015 pre-election message to the heritage sector. Responding to written questions from the National Trust for Canada, Liberal Party president Anna Gainey wrote: "A Liberal government will work in collaboration with the heritage sector and other stakeholders to examine measures that promote the preservation and rehabilitation of Canada's heritage buildings. We are open to measures that use the tax system that stimulate private investments in heritage buildings." See the full letter [here](#). Let's all remind the Government of that promise, and help them find ways to keep it.

2. We have the whole summer to keep the conversation alive about historic places and the need for incentives! Please consider meeting Liberal MPs to thank them for their “Yes” vote at Second Reading, or to tell them why their support for tax incentives is essential to a vibrant economy and a sustainable environment. See “What you can do” below.

3. Before considering the Bill, the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development is expected to embark on a study of the State of Historic Places in Canada – an important “first” for the Committee that can help give context to the proposal for financial incentives. Organizations and individuals will be called as witnesses, and everyone with an interest can make their views known in writing.

What you can do

Bill C-323 offers a historic opportunity to engage and support elected officials in tackling the issues and barriers facing the heritage sector.

You can help!

A. Talk to Liberal MPs this summer about heritage incentives. Here is a presentation deck and speaking notes that you can use. Let’s all sing from the same songbook!

Follow up your meeting with a letter to Liberal MPs and Cabinet Ministers that pro-actively responds to issues raised by government officials in past letters. Here is a sample letter to Liberal MPs to help get you started and a link to find Liberal MPs by province.

B. Consider responding in writing to the replies you received from Government officials who raised issues with the Bill. Remind them of the promise the Liberal Party made to “examine measures that promote the preservation and rehabilitation of Canada’s heritage buildings.”

Here is a sample letter to Liberal MPs and Cabinet Ministers to get you started. When crafting your letter(s), you will find helpful background information on our website. Point to historic places in your area that need this kind of financial measure – especially those at risk!

Write to or cc the Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance and the Hon. Peter Van Loan (sponsor of the Bill) and us at the National Trust to let us know what action you’ve taken! Or send us a copy of your letters and any replies you receive by email or by mail to the National Trust for Canada, 190 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1R 6H4.

C. Given the focus on historic places coming up this fall at the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, organizations with an interest can start getting ready to make a submission in writing or in person about the state of historic places in Canada, or about Bill C-323 in particular. Please let us know if you will do so – we’ll share our draft submission and keep you in the loop!

Hello,

Summer is here and so is the 3rd installment of our 2017 newsletter. Thanks to all who have indicated that they would like to receive the digital edition. You may have been getting emails from other lists that want you to reconfirm that you want to receive emails from them. Right now we are going with the membership renewal lists for 2017 that indicated permission to send the newsletter to you. If you no longer wish to receive the digital edition, please reply to this email.

The 2017 Ontario Heritage conference was another success. Feedback indicates that people were satisfied with the sessions and venues. Thanks to all that stopped by our booth to say hello. Next Year we will be off to Sault Saint Marie! We will accept Conference proposal requests for 2020 and beyond until the fall. Guidelines for hosting can be found on our website www.communityheritageontario.ca

CHO is sad to say goodbye to our editor, Celia Laur, with this issue. Celia is finishing up her university studies and will be pursuing her career full time. She has been a great help to us for the past five years taking over from Su Murdoch seamlessly and bringing the newsletter into the digital age. We wish her the best in her future endeavours.

Don't forget to add communityheritageontario@gmail.com to your safe senders list to guarantee that every issue is delivered to you. We do our best to get CHOnews out to all members who have signed on. Problems may occur due to misspelled addresses, junk mail filters and file download settings. If you know someone who is on the list but did not receive this edition, please contact me at this email address.

Happy Reading and enjoy the summer,

Tracy Gayda

Echo the Past and Preserve for the Future

Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall

Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall is celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial by recognizing heritage property owners who have shown a commitment to lovingly preserving and maintaining the heritage and historical value of their homes or community institutions. The Committee chose four owners in 2017 to receive this prestigious Award of Commitment. Certificates of Recognition were also awarded to companies and individuals in Cornwall who have given of their skills and resources to help with the restoration of these properties. The Commitment Awards (fine glass trophies) and the Certificates of Recognition were presented at the Mayor's picnic, a Canada 150 event held in Lamoureux Park on Victoria Day.

The first Award of Commitment was presented to Upper Canada District School Board for the construction of Central Public School in 2006. The architectural firm of Colbourne and Kembel from Kingston designed the new school, incorporating the designated facade of the 1931 addition into the design. It is a feature wall in the library and can be seen from the street. Demolition and construction started in 2005 with the tender awarded to Bourgon Construction of Cornwall. It was an engineering feat to anchor the brick and stone facade in place while the new construction was built around it.

Historically, the school began in 1817 on the same site as Cornwall Public School. In 1850, a two storey brick schoolhouse was built with two rooms on each floor and employed four



Sydney Street House

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teachers. In 1883-84, a large brick structure was built with twelve classrooms to accommodate an ever increasing student population. Additions constructed in 1921 and 1931 at the front of the property blended beautifully with the rest of the building. In 1950, the school was renamed Central Public School. In 1962, the school was renovated and included a gymnasium, twelve classrooms, a library, and home economics and industrial arts rooms. The 1884 and 1921 sections were demolished, leaving the 1931 addition.

The second Award was presented to the Board of the Boys and Girls Club who bought and refurbished the historic Church of the Good Shepherd, an Anglican parish, in 2008. The church is believed to be Gothic Revival with other styles apparent. It has an attached wooden parish hall, which was the original church built by the Reverend Cannon J.J. Mountain in 1886. The Church of the Good Shepherd had its last service on July 4, 2004, after 118 years. The church was the spiritual foundation for generations of families.

The refurbishment committee for the church was formed and had members from the Boys and Girls Club Board, the architects responsible for the design (Rick Taylor, Architect 49), the contractor (Menard Bros. & Associates), and Heritage Cornwall. The committee remained cognizant of the heritage value of the property when discussion led to the placement of the washrooms. The first design presented had the washrooms in the church sanctuary, which would have compromised the heritage integrity of the space. The architects rectified the design and were able to place a unisex washroom in the reception area in the link between the hall and the church sanctuary. The original wooden church hall sported a brand new kitchen. Ramps for accessibility were placed inconspicuously, blending in with the design, and actually enhancing the overall aesthetic of the space.

Cornwall's first inn (*circa* 1814) has been brought back to life and its original purpose thanks to Robert Prowse who worked to rehabilitate it into a Bed and Breakfast. The Chesley family was prominent in Cornwall during the nineteenth century, producing shopkeepers, innkeepers, and even a mayor of Cornwall. The structure is a wonderful example of Georgian architecture. The front facade has the characteristic Georgian rectangular shape, with a symmetrical five bay facade. The two and one half storey building with its projecting rear wing would have made a very



Central Public

large residence for the time. The medium pitched roof and dual end wall chimneys are common in the Georgian style. The windows are long and narrow and occupy considerable wall space. Overall, the composition of the house relates a sense of simple Georgian elegance and solidity.

We were pleased to present the third Award of Commitment to Robert Prowse, owner and innkeeper of Chesley's Inn. He had help from Eric MacDonald at Tartan Home Comfort who worked to bring the archaic heating system up to code. Glen Porter at Porter's Historical Restoration works passionately to restore and maintain heritage buildings that need loving attention to brick, stone, and wood. He has done some work on all of our award winners' properties.

Another Award of Commitment was presented to James and Timo Edney-Lepage for their beautiful renovation of a historic home on Sydney Street, one of the oldest streets in Cornwall. Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall has done research and taken photos of many of the homes on Sydney Street because this is one of the areas we would like to pursue for a District Designation. Many of the property owners on the street have done renovations, but have preserved the heritage architecture and appeal of their homes.

In 1896, a Pitt Street businessman named Gordon Phillips purchased property on the adjacent street in Cornwall for the sum of \$700. Mr. Phillips had his beautiful home at 229 Sydney Street constructed that same year by Ross Construction Company. Mr. Phillips owned a business that dealt with home furnishings, with newspaper advertisements boasting that he "sold the best lines of stoves and is known for varieties of kitchen and cooking utensils."



Chesleys' Inn

He also was a tinsmith and did plumbing work on the side, having installed many furnaces in churches, public buildings, and private homes in Cornwall.

Today the Phillips House is one of Sydney Street's most glamorous homes, possessing nearly all of its original features. The house has since been painted an eye-catching shade of blue, giving it one more reason to stand out on the street. I wonder if Mr. Phillips ever imagined that his home would win a heritage award 121 years after he had it built!

"Places that echo the past and are preserved for the future" expresses the sentiment that heritage homes can be lovingly preserved to be sustainable and last well into the future to be enjoyed for generations to come.

This article was coauthored by Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall members Debbie Ledoux, Marjorie Vallee, and Sara Lauzon.



Boys and Girls Club Old Church Hall

The Ontario Heritage Act Register is Online

Erin Semande

If you were at the recent Ontario Heritage Conference in Ottawa you may have heard me speak about the online or eRegister that is now available on the Ontario Heritage Trust's website. The eRegister is a work in progress and we will be adding properties and documents daily, so please check back frequently. Here are a few reasons why municipal heritage committee members should check out the online Register:

The OHA Register is a comprehensive record of municipal designation bylaws. The Register tracks municipal designation bylaws from 228 municipali-

ties across the province, from the first designation (Sandyford Place, Hamilton, August 26, 1975) to the most recent bylaws passed by municipal councils.

It can help assess your municipality's designation program. When was the last designation bylaw passed? What has your community protected over the past forty years? Where there are gaps? Perhaps there are a lot of houses designated, but industrial buildings, cemeteries or parks have not been protected. The online Register can help you identify trends and help with long term planning initiatives.

You can learn more about the

required documentation. Using the online Register will help you become familiar with the range of OHA documents that should be submitted to the Trust. Over thirty different types of documents are provided to the Trust from municipalities.

It can provide insight into designations in other municipalities. You can compare the number of designations in your community with other similar sized communities. Friendly heritage rivalry can be a good thing!

It can help you analyze provincial trends in designations. The Register provides information on more than forty years of designations. The new online Register will be searchable by municipality, property type, construction year, etc. You can examine patterns and trends across the province, such as the impact of funding on designation. Fun fact: The peak period of designations was 1983 to 1985, which coincided with a number of provincial heritage incentive programs.

You can identify missing bylaws and other documentation. Examining the online Register can help to identify missing bylaws and information. You can fill in gaps in the Register by working with your Clerk's office or planning staff to ensure routine compliance. It is important to make sure the Register is up-to-date since it provides an administrative backup of key heritage documents.

It allows you to discover and explore. There are so many unique and interesting designations to learn about, like the Wayne Gretzky family home in Brantford, the Roseneath Carousel in



Sandyford Place in Hamilton is the first property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. It is also protected with an Ontario Heritage Trust conservation easement and is a National Historic Site of Canada.

Alnwick/Haldimand, a swimming pool in Kitchener's Woodside Park, and a segment of a 1913 brick roadway in Welland.

It is a unique heritage conservation tool. The Register is the only central bank of information of its kind in Ontario. The Register holds thousands of documents with considerable research potential. Together, these documents provide information and insight about heritage conservation across the province and in individual municipalities and can tell us a great deal about what a community values.

Have questions about the Ontario Heritage Act Register? You can direct them to the Provincial Heritage Registrar: Erin Semande 416-212-1704 or erin.semande@heritagetrust.on.ca

Erin Semande is the Provincial Heritage Registrar at the Ontario Heritage Trust.



Sandyford Place, North Elevation

End of the Road for the Prettiest Street in Ontario

John Ecker

In Whitby, Len Cullen is best known as the visionary behind Cullen Gardens, a beautiful combination of nature, walking trails, a miniature village, fun and games. In our home during the 1990s, Christmas was not Christmas without a visit to see Santa Claus at Cullen Gardens and a walk through the winter wonderland.

Len Cullen was also very much committed to heritage conservation. He saved Whitby's Lynde House from destruction and literally put it on display as the showpiece at Cullen Gardens. Creating *The Prettiest Street in Ontario* was also a vision of Len Cullen. His plan, over time, would have given new life to twenty five heritage homes that would otherwise be lost. The popular term for this is "adaptive re-use;" the repurposing of built heritage structures.

As a business person, Len Cullen saw not only the virtue in saving old buildings from the wrecking ball, he saw the potential for revenue. *The Prettiest Street in Ontario* would save heritage properties and it would be a money maker, too. The plan was for the street level of each home to be repurposed as boutique retail space while the upper floors would be bed and breakfast accommodations. The first five homes were acquired and moved to Cullen owned property on the northwest corner of Taunton Road and Cochrane Street, adjacent to Cullen Gardens, between 1990 and 2001.

It was a noble plan but ultimately one that was never realized. The plan to move

forward with a total of twenty five homes stalled and the five homes have sat vacant ever since. Cullen Gardens ceased operations in January 2006. The Town of Whitby purchased the Cullen Gardens property and established Cullen Park.

In August 2016, the property on which the homes stand was sold to developer Cedar City TFP Whitby Developments Incorporated. The company has submitted a residential housing Subdivision Application to the Town of Whitby. Now, the five homes that were to be the start of the prettiest street are available for relocation or salvaging and may face demolition.

House	Original Location	Year	Style	Condition
Anderson	Pickering	1870	Gothic Revival	Poor
Langmaid	Whitby	1802	Victorian	Fair
O'Connor	Whitby	unknown	Victorian	Fair
Annestrong	Whitby	1851	Georgian Revival	Poor
Heddings	Scarborough	1870	High Victorian/Gothic Revival	Fair

Time has not been a friend to the homes. Unfortunately, the condition of the homes has greatly deteriorated over time due to exposure to the elements and vandalism. According to a 2016 Built Heritage Evaluation of the properties, only three were in fair condition with two in poor condition. The land on which the homes sit has been sold for redevelopment and all five must be removed or demolished.

The story of the *Prettiest Street in Ontario* has a final chapter that is not all

bad news. There is now an opportunity for enterprising people to acquire the homes either for relocation or, failing that, to salvage and repurpose architectural elements of the buildings. The homes in fair condition are potential candidates for relocation. The future of those in poor condition is likely strictly the salvaging of architectural elements. Cedar City has indicated an interest in hearing from prospective buyers as well as salvaging queries. If no viable opportunities emerge, the buildings, which are not on the Whitby Heritage Register, will be demolished (subject to municipal permits).

Inquiries can be directed to Beth Halpenny, Project Manager, on behalf of the developer at 416.274.8327. There is no access without permission as the homes are on private property and surrounded by security fencing.

John Ecker is Chair of Whitby Heritage. Some information was extracted from the November 2016 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment by Goldsmith Borgal & Company Ltd., Architects.

Rear view of buildings located on the "Prettiest Street in Ontario".
From left to right: Anderson House (1), Langmaid House (2), O'Connor House (3),
Armstrong House (4) and Hastings House (5)



Hastings House: A Snapshot

This 1870 residence is in the Gothic Revival style with Victorian and Romanesque attributes. It was relocated from the intersection of Finch Avenue and Markham Road. Much of the home's interior and exterior is original. The gables and dormers have elaborate wood detailing on the bargeboards. The architect is unknown. The home has been unoccupied



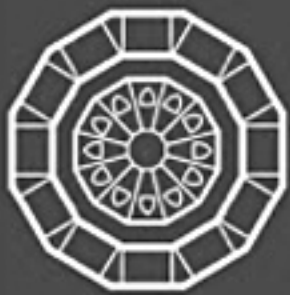
and unheated since its relocation to Whitby. The ground floor windows are covered in boards and the upper level windows are broken and exposed to the elements. Ground floor interior features include an ornate plaster ceiling medallion and wood wainscoting and panelling. Overall, the plaster is in good condition.

CHO/PCO Mission Statement

To encourage the development of municipally appointed heritage advisory committees and to further the identification, preservation, interpretation, and wise use of community heritage locally, provincially, and nationally.

We Want to Hear From You

CHOnews is YOUR quarterly publication. We want to know about the initiatives, achievements, challenges, and concerns of your Municipal Heritage Committee. Information networking through CHOnews is important. Submissions are welcome at any time.



Ontario Heritage Conference

June 8-10, 2017
Ottawa



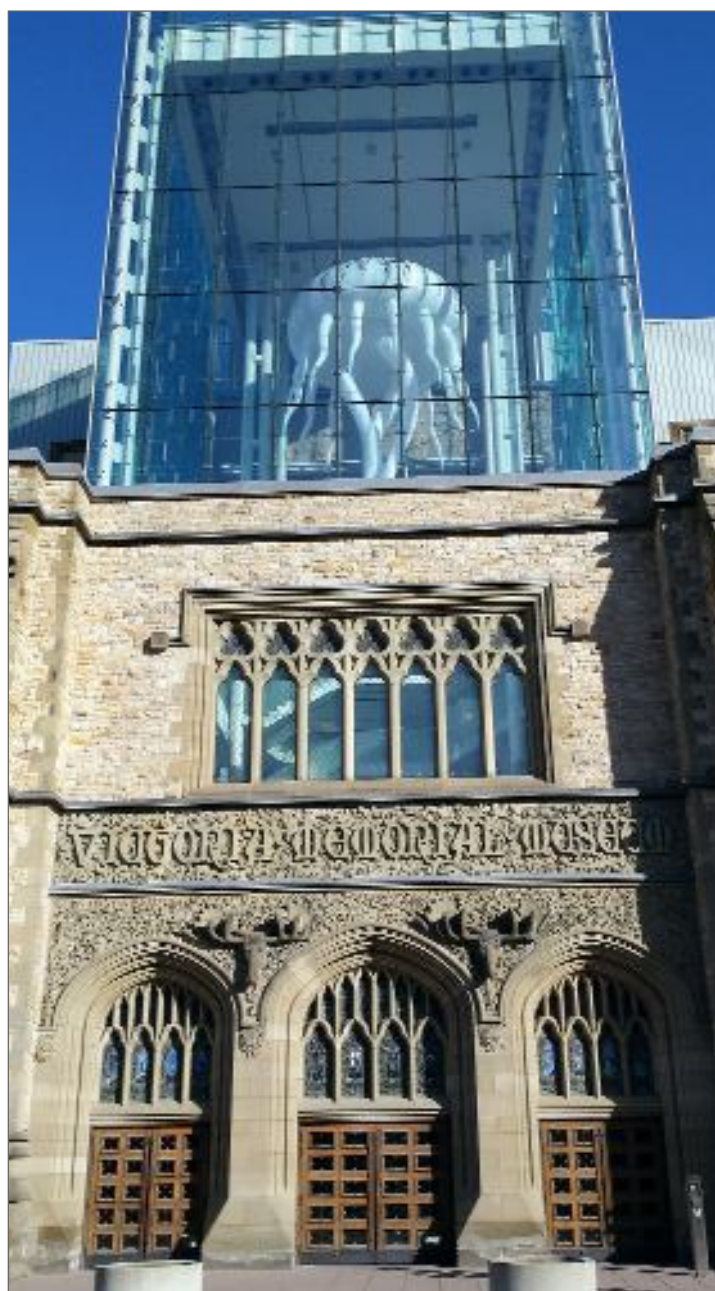
Algonquin College Trades Demonstration



Aboriginal Entertainment at Lunch



Centre for Global Pluralism



Museum of Nature Welcome



The McCannells. A Scottish Immigration Story

Terry Fegarty

The following is based on an article written about 1920 by Captain James McCannell, master of the S.S. Assiniboia, flagship of the Canadian Pacific Great Lakes fleet.

Few people travelling today on luxuriously appointed cruise ships would have any idea what conditions were like on the immigrant ships crossing the Atlantic in the early 19th century bringing the pioneers who settled in this country. Some of those ancient hulks were not at all fit to carry passengers: sanitary arrangements, ventilation, and conveniences were often far from what they should have been.

After discharging bulk cargoes at British ports, sailing ships were often chartered to carry passengers back to North America. Carpenters were sent on board and temporary berths were built along the ship's sides between decks for the accommodation of passengers. After landing them on this side of the Atlantic, the berths were again removed to make room for the return cargo. Many steamers crossing the Atlantic in the middle of the 19th century were engaged in the freight and passenger service; most passengers came by sailing ship.

There were no deluxe rooms, no observation rooms, and no smoking rooms. A deluxe room could well mean just a curtained off berth. In many cases these ships were overcrowded and in some cases went out undermanned as the

owner or sea captain knew full well that the passengers would include men accustomed to seafaring. In order to break the monotony on board ship, they would be willing to help make or take in sail or any other seaman's work.

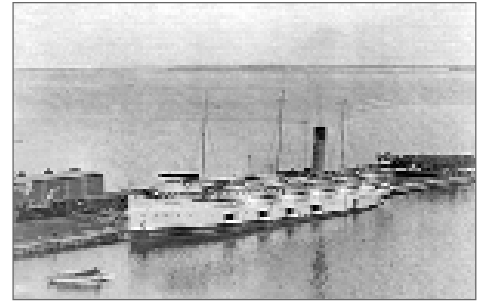
One of the greatest hardships for passengers at that time was the supply of fresh water, which in many cases went bad or the passengers were put on short allowance. But even with many inconveniences, there were times when the voyage was most pleasant and those on board had a good time.

Economic conditions in Scotland were not favourable and owing to unemployment many were forced to emigrate. In 1852, Archibald McCannell and Rachel (nee MacArthur) along with their two children immigrated to Ontario from Jura, an island in the Inner Hebrides off the west coast of Scotland. The only credentials they were armed with was their church membership certificates dated Jura, May 27, 1852, saying that they were leaving the parish without spot or stain on their character. Their passage was booked on the three masted bark, *Ann Harley* of Glasgow.

If the present generation could only realize what the pioneers of old Ontario went through while travelling and trying to establish homes in the unbroken forest of this fair land, there is not one with a spark of pride within, but would feel proud to be descendants of such fathers and mothers, men and women. They had the courage and determination to set out on a voyage of weeks followed by the hardships of clearing land, often far removed from the centres where they might obtain the necessities of life.

At last, the vessel arrived at Quebec, August 15, 1852. All passed through the medical inspection, not being detained on account of illness, transferred to passenger steamers which were to take them to Toronto. Down between decks were many passengers, many of them river drivers who had taken rafts to Quebec. Finally Toronto was reached and seemed to be the last separating place as many families left there for Hamilton and Canada West as western Ontario was then called. The others took stages from Toronto for Holland Landing, where they boarded the little steamer *Beaver* for Barrie.

The saga continues based on the family records and reminiscences of James



S.S. *Assiniboia* in Port McNicholl, 1920
Photo: Huronia Museum

McCannell (Jr.)

At Barrie, the McCannell family were met by Donald McGillivray, who took them to his home on the 10th line near their holding. Most of the journey from Barrie was made on foot, with the two young children in tow. After a trek of nine miles, they reached Willow Landing, where they could board a batteau to cross the Minesing Swamp and make their way down the Nottawasaga River to Georgian Bay. (Many new settlers bound for the northern United States also took this route). Their long journey ended at their hundred acre holding below Blue Mountain near Collingwood, in an area populated by their fellow Scots and sheep farmers. Here they raised a family of seven Gaelic speakers, three of whom became ship captains on the Great Lakes. Archibald died in 1902, Rachel in 1915.

One of their sons, James McCannell (Sr.), was renowned on both sides of the border as a skilled sailor and ship master. James began his career in 1888 on his brother's ship out of Collingwood bound for Chicago. In 1907 he piloted the S.S. *Assiniboia* and S.S. *Keewatin* from Buffalo to Owen Sound, then the home port of the Canadian Pacific Great Lakes Service. In 1908 he moved his family there and joined CP as First Officer on the S.S. *Alberta*. When the five ship CP fleet was transferred to Port McNicoll in 1912, James and his family followed and he built his home there in 1913 - 1914. He captained the S.S. *Assiniboia*, flagship of the fleet, from 1913 to his retirement in 1936.

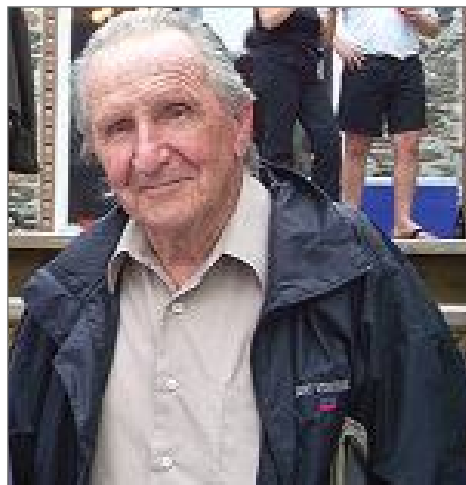
Perhaps the most dramatic event during the *Assiniboia's* many voyages was the storm of 1913. Over 300 sailors lost their lives in the storm, but Captain McCannell sailed successfully to Port McNicoll, braving the hurricane winds, snow squalls, and rough water of the



Captain James McCannell, Master,
S.S. *Assiniboia*, 1913-1936



The McCannell home in Township of Tay



James McCannell is a retired geologist and engineer.

raging storm. Captain McCannell died in 1939. The *Assiniboia* serviced the Port McNicoll to Lakehead run for more than

fifty years. She was retired in 1966 and scrapped in 1970.

The house at 556 Algoma Avenue in

Port McNicoll was lived in by March 1913. The McCannell family had no running water until a dug well was added to the property in 1914. The house has been well maintained all of its life and the original aspects and partitions of the home have been kept. The only real modification to the house came in 1933 when the veranda and porch at the front of the home were rebuilt and enlarged. The windows have been replaced with storm windows, but the trim is original.

In 1916 James McCannell, Jr., was born in the family home. He himself has lived a storied life and in 2017 still resides in the house of his birth. In 2007, the McCannell home was recognized by the Township of Tay for its historical significance.

Terry Fegarty is Chair of the Tay Heritage Committee.

CHO Service Awards 2017

Community Heritage Ontario Service Awards are awarded annually to people nominated in two categories. The Service to CHO Award is given to a person who has shown outstanding leadership and contributions to CHO furthering the cause of Ontario's heritage and has provided a minimum of five years service to CHO. The second award is given to a Municipal Heritage Committee member who has furthered the cause of heritage in their community showing leadership and contributions with a minimum of five years service. Written nominations are accepted until March of the award year.

The Museum of Nature set the stage for the presentation of the CHO Municipal Heritage Committee Member Service Award at the Ontario Heritage Conference Gala dinner on June 9, 2017. Debbie Ledoux of Heritage-Patrimoine Cornwall received a certificate and memento for her contributions to Cornwall's MHC from CHO president Wayne Morgan. Debbie is a well respected member of Cornwall's heritage committee and community. Her achievements in the past fifteen years have strengthened and enhanced heritage in Cornwall and the surrounding area.

Debbie has written many articles on heritage in local publications to educate the community on the heritage and heritage programs in her area, as well as contributing to *CHOnews*. Debbie is also a published writer penning "A Journey to Remember" on the history of Central Public School in downtown Cornwall. To further promote this built heritage attribute, she championed the incorporation of the old facade into the current school. For years, Debbie hosted the Doors Open venue at this location to show the success of adaptive reuse.

Debbie continued to champion adaptive reuse when the Church of the Good Shepherd transitioned to the Cornwall Boys and Girls Club. Debbie researched and compiled information for recommendations to protect its heritage features and promote the property's transformation.

Debbie's strength in research and assessment has been a valuable asset to Cornwall heritage. She has done research on the pos-



Debbie Ledoux and Wayne Morgan

sible Heritage Conservation District designation of Sidney Street and the OHA designation of East Front School. She also volunteers at the Cornwall Room in the downtown library. This room houses archival materials on Cornwall and area. She is always thinking of ways to educate and promote the heritage of Cornwall as well as being aware of accessibility standards for the disabled.

In 2014, Debbie co-chaired the Ontario Heritage Conference in Cornwall, which she pursued for a few years to come to Cornwall. She was also diligent in obtaining the "Quilt of Belonging" which was showcased at the Gala dinner at the conference.

CHO congratulates Debbie Ledoux again on all of her accomplishments and her continued support of CHO and heritage in Ontario.

CHO encourages our membership to nominate a member of a MHC and/or a past CHO Board member or volunteer for our Annual Service Awards. Please resubmit nominations that may have been unsuccessful recipients this year. Their contributions were also inspiring in the promotion of heritage. Nomination information can be found on the CHO website communityheritageontario.ca. Questions can be directed to communityheritageontario@gmail.com

If This Tree Could Talk...

In the Annex neighbourhood of downtown Toronto there stands a Silver Maple. It's known to the community as "The Big Tree," and it has borne witness to the City of Toronto growing around it, from scratch. When The Big Tree was first planted in 1863, it was surrounded by rural farmland. The Huron Street School was built adjacent to it in the 1890s and, since then, generations of families have spent their time in the shade of its leaves. The Big Tree is a meeting place, a hiding spot during games, a comfortable seat amongst its roots, and an impossible obstacle to climb (though everybody tries). It provides shade, leaves for making leaf forts and piles to jump in, and it imparts one with a sense of history by its very presence.

The story of this tree is just one of many that needs to be shared, but it takes a community to bring them forward. Through the Heritage Tree Program, we are able to recognize the value and history of trees like The Big Tree across the province. Ontario's trees and forests are part of our history and culture. Beyond conserving energy, cleaning the air we breathe and water we drink, and adding character to our neighbourhoods and public spaces, trees are also living monuments to our rich history. Many of our

oldest and largest trees, or even groups of trees, are closely linked to significant figures and events from our past.

"Each Heritage Tree we recognize helps to illuminate Ontario's rich history," says Rob Keen, CEO of Forests Ontario. "Trees connect us and we value the richness they bring to our communities, regardless of our differences. Each tree has a unique back-story, highlighting a piece of history we are able to share through the Heritage Tree Program."

The Heritage Tree Program celebrates the historic, cultural, and social legacy of trees, bringing their stories to audiences province-wide. In 2017, Forests Ontario is celebrating Canada's sesquicentennial with the 150 Heritage Tree Challenge. With support from TD Bank Group, we hope to reach our goal of 150 recognized trees across Ontario communities and celebrate one of our country's most enduring symbols.

Anyone can nominate a tree for Heritage Tree designation, whether it is on their own property, their neighbour's, a family member's, or in a public space. Heritage Trees should be associated with a historic person or event, or be growing on land that is historically significant. Candidate Heritage Trees are also

assessed for form, shape, beauty, age, colour, size, rarity, genetic constitution or other distinctive features and/or as a prominent community landmark; however, its *historical or cultural significance* is of most importance.

All recognized Heritage Trees are added to an interactive map (found at www.tree-bee.ca) which charts Heritage Trees across the province and provides users with images and the story of each tree.

The Heritage Tree Program provides another way to consider the value of trees, beyond their environmental and social importance. In creating greater awareness of historical value, the Heritage Tree program encourages Ontarians to value and care for our urban forests.

Get Involved

If you'd like to help us tell the story of Ontario's urban forests, contact us at 1-877-646-1193 or visit www.heritagetree.ca.

Jessica Kaknevicius is Director of Forest Education and Awareness for Forests Ontario.



It would tell us Ontario's history.

Add to the story by nominating your tree.

Find out how by visiting
www.heritagetree.ca



President's Message

Wayne Morgan

The Ontario Heritage Conference in Ottawa was a great event to learn, be inspired, develop contacts, and attend the CHO/PCO annual general meeting. (If you missed it, plan to attend next year's conference in Sault Ste. Marie, June 7 to 9, 2018.) Two events occurred at the 2017 Conference that I want to bring to your attention.

Bill C-323

The Honourable Peter Van Loan spoke about his private member's Bill C-323, an act to amend the Income Tax Act to provide for the rehabilitation of historic property. Paul King wrote about it in the spring 2017 issue of *CHOnews*. The Bill can be viewed at parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-323/first-reading. It has passed 2nd reading and is before the Standing Committee on Environment for review in the fall of 2017 before going to third reading. It only made it this far because it has some support from all parties. There is no guarantee that it will make it through third reading unless there is all party support. I urge you to CONTACT YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BILL C-323. Your voice will make a difference. This Bill is a great ini-

tiative, one that we need. I will write on behalf of CHO/PCO to express our support for the Bill.

Infill in a Heritage Area or Adjacent to a Heritage Building

When some conference participants were on a walking tour of the ByWard Market, an Ottawa heritage conservation district, at one stop they had an intense discussion about a recent infill project by the National Capital Commission at the northeast corner of Sussex Drive and Clarence Street. The community eventually supported the development. The photographs I have included show the project in context - between two heritage buildings. It is nearing completion, with some hoarding still up.

This is an issue your municipal heritage committee will face whether the infill is in a heritage conservation district or adjacent to a heritage building. Some things to consider about an infill proposal relative to adjacent heritage buildings are height, setback, massing, materials, roof shape, window and door openings, and floor levels. A previous building on the site may provide some guidance.



The architectural style of this development was debated by participants. Should it replicate a historical style from the area; can it be a modern style that fits in; or should it be somewhere between those two positions? If a historical style is used, does it create confusion about what is heritage and what is new? Lastly, does the new building overwhelm or detract from the heritage building? Given that, is this an appropriate infill development?



NCC development including sketch of the finished development (centre), Sussex Drive and Clarence Street, Ottawa.
Photos: Wayne Morgan



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News from the CHO/PCO Board of Directors

Your CHO/PCO Board of Directors met in Scarborough on June 25, 2017, to conduct the usual business of the corporation.

The Board agreed to apply to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for the annual Provincial Heritage Organization Grant and gratefully acknowledges the financial support provided by the Ministry.

The Executive Committee members were elected with Wayne Morgan remaining as President and Tracy Gayda elected Vice President to join Ginette Guy who has one year remaining in her term.

The President reported on a successful workshop dealing with Researching Heritage Properties held recently in Caledonia which includes Haldimand Township, Niagara Falls, and New Tecumseh. He also reminded members that we must begin to look to the future of heritage preservation with churches and schools closing heritage buildings, and banks abandoning their heritage structures as they move to more electronic banking activities. The recent demolition of the 110 year old Bank of Montreal in Toronto is one such example.

The Corporate Secretary/Treasurer distributed various documents to members to be added to the Board members' policy binders, including a revised set of bylaws approved by the membership at its 2017

AGM in Ottawa.

The Conference Committee outlined the successful 2017 Conference and indicated that plans are well underway for next year's conference to be held at Sault Ste. Marie in June. The Board also approved the application of Goderich to hold the 2019 conference pending discussions with the Joint Conference Committee.

Through our new Program Officer, the Education Committee has booked workshops at Saugeen Shores dealing with Researching Heritage Properties. Another workshop at Gananoque has been booked and will explore how heritage fits with planning. MHCs who wish to hold a CHO workshop are asked to contact our Education Committee Chair, Bob Martindale, who is listed on the CHO/PCO Board of Directors elsewhere in the issue.

CHO/PCO Board Meetings

CHO/PCO Board of Directors' meetings are open to any MHC member. Please contact the Corporate Secretary to confirm each date before attending. Scheduled meetings will be held at 6282 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

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Upcoming Workshops

CHO is pleased to present two unique workshops this fall. If you missed the workshop that CHO Board President Wayne Morgan offered in Haldimand County in May, there will be another opportunity to attend the same workshop on September 23, 2017, between 12 pm and 4:30 pm at the Historic Southampton Town Hall in Southampton. The workshop is hosted by Saugeen Shores Municipal Heritage Committee. Wayne Morgan will be discussing and illustrating the various heritage research sources, ranging from census records through insurance plans to architectural design books. This will give participants a chance to know what information needs to be compiled in order to recommend listing and designating heritage properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Later in the fall, CHO Board member and heritage planner Bob Martindale will give a workshop on How Heritage Fits with Planning. The event will be held on November 3, 2017, between 9 am and 2 pm at the Arthur Child Heritage Museum in Gananoque. This workshop will address the preparation of municipal heritage registers, designating significant heritage properties, ensuring that heritage concerns are properly addressed when new development projects are being considered, requiring the submission and review of heritage impact assessments, and determining how to incorporate heritage buildings into new developments.

All CHO members are invited to attend these workshops but space is limited. For more information or to register, please contact Elena Veldman at elenaveldman@communityheritageontario.ca.

CHOnews Deadlines

CHOnews issues are Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. The deadlines for submission are as follows:

- ☐ March 10 (Spring issue)
- ☐ June 10 (Summer issue)
- ☐ October 10 (Fall issue)
- ☐ December 10 (Winter issue)

Submissions are always welcomed.



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**Town of Tecumseh
Year-to-Date Variance
Heritage Committee 7705**

	2017	August	2017	2017
	Approved	YTD	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
	Budget	Actuals	Variance	% Committed
EXPENDITURES				
Memberships				
5-5300 Memberships	150	116	-34	77
Total Memberships	150	116	-34	77
Other				
5-2250 Miscellaneous Service	850		-850	
5-5610 Advertising	1,000		-1,000	
Total Other	1,850		-1,850	
Expenditures Before Transfers	2,000	116	-1,884	6
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,000	116	-1,884	6
NET EXPENDITURES	2,000	116	-1,884	6

Town of Tecumseh - Potential Heritage Sites							Committee Member
Name of Property	Street #	Street Name	Year	Architecture/Style	Sector	Brief Description	
Bell Tower at St. Anne Highschool	12050	Arbour Street			Tecumseh	Original Bell from old St. Antoine School on Lesperance Road Moved to the new St. Anne's High School, Lakeshore	Chris
Seguin House	424	Brighton Road	circa 1870s		St. Clair Beach	Believed to be the old Trolley Station (Sandwich Windsor and Amherstburg)	Chris
St. Mary's Cemetery	12048	County Road 34		Cemetery	Maidstone	One of the oldest cemeteries in Tecumseh	Chris
Victoria Public School	12433	Dillon Dr.	1926	School	Tecumseh	Built on donated Clapp property and named after Ms. Clapp	Chris
Sandwich South Council	2725	Highway #3	1893		Oldcastle	Location where first Sandwich South Council Photo was taken	Chris
St. Stephen's Church	5280	Howard	1871		Oldcastle	Old Anglican Church	Dwayne
St. Stephen's Cemetery	5280	Howard			Oldcastle	One of the oldest cemeteries in Tecumseh	Dwayne
Lachance Farm	11945	Intersection Road			Sandwich South	One of the last remaining Francophone Farms in Tecumseh	Dwayne
Old Power House - Bonduelle Property	1192	Lacasse Blvd.		Art Deco	Tecumseh	Southwest corner on Tecumseh and Lacasse Blvd, the original canning factory power building	Dwayne
Poisson House	1115	Lacasse Boulevard	early 1920s	Arts and Crafts	Tecumseh	Home of Dr. Poisson, 1st Mayor of Tecumseh	Dwayne
Lacasse Park	590	Lacasse Boulevard	1947		Tecumseh	Clapp property purchased in 1923 by the Town, Baseball Diamond and grand stands (1949) feature	Terry
Tecumseh United Church	333	Lacasse Boulevard	1960s	Hilicker Architect	Tecumseh	Vernacular house of worship	Terry
Lessard House	1715	Lesperance Road			Sandwich South	Vernacular Farm House	Terry
Desjardin House	1722	Lesperance Road			Sandwich South	Greek Revival	Terry
Aspect House	1107	Lesperance Road			Tecumseh		Rita
St. Anne's Cemetery		Lesperance Road			Tecumseh		Terry
Lemire House	1061	Lesperance Road			Tecumseh		Terry
Sylvestre House		Manning Road			St. Clair Beach		Rhonda
Lakewood Golf Course	13451	Riverside Drive			St. Clair Beach		Rita
Lakewood Club House	13438	Riverside Drive	1919		St. Clair Beach	Privately Owned by Bob Oakman & Bert Manning	Rita
Beach Grove Club House	14134	Riverside Drive	1922		St. Clair Beach	First Club House Wooden - burned in 1927 Rebuilt in 1929	Rhonda
	13749	Riverside Drive					Rhonda
Severs Property	13158	Riverside Dr.					Rhonda
Pro Shop	115	Kensington					Brian
St. Mark's by the Lake Anglican Church	150	St. Marks	1953		St. Clair Beach	First Church in St. Clair Beach	Rhonda
D.M. Eagle School Site	14194	Tecumseh Rd.	1928		St. Clair Beach		Rhonda
Old Cada Homestead	14242	Tecumseh Rd.			St. Clair Beach		Rhonda
Robinet Hardware	12222	Tecumseh Road			Tecumseh		Brian
Lacasse House	12125	Tecumseh Road			Tecumseh		Brian
Tecumseh Area Historical Society site including log cabin and sheds	12350	Tecumseh Road			Tecumseh	Site of the original railroad station and current location of Lesperance Log Cabin (circa 1799)	Ian
Campeau House	11941	Tecumseh Road			Tecumseh	Blue House on Tecumseh Road	Ian
Stone Porch House	11961	Tecumseh Road		Arts and Crafts	Tecumseh		Ian
Log Cabin	6455	Walker Road			Sandwich South		Ian
Lachance House		William Street			Tecumseh	Building near track field	Ian
Baillargeon House	13028	Tecumseh Road			Tecumseh		Jerome
Baillargeon House	13754	Tecumseh Road			Tecumseh		Jerome

Grain Elevator					Maidstone		Jerome
Mrs. John's General Store					Maidstone		Jerome
Old Seven Ponds					Sandwich South	E.C. Row near Shawnee	Jerome
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Mrs. Mary (Emmett) McCarthy	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Ure	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Mr. & Mrs. Frank O'Neil	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Gary & Russ O'Neil	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Lonboroug/Bedford Family	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Ron & Joyce Holden	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Edmund & Donna Curtis	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Murry & Marcy McKenzie	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Doug & Annie Pettypiece	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Gordon & Thomas Collins	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	The Battersby Family	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	The Halford Family	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	The White Family	
				Century Farm	Sandwich South	Pearl Farough & Family	

Good Morning Heritage Committee Members,

The Town is looking to compile “fun/interesting facts” to share on the Town’s social media [Facebook and Twitter].

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in providing historical facts, and the source if possible, about Tecumseh that may be shared on the Town’s social media.

Thank you for your suggestions,

Christina