



Corporation of the City of Kingston

Heritage Assets Working Group

Notes

Present

Patricia Fiori
Kathy Karkut
Caroline Petznick
Barb Neatby
Bill Visser
Paul Robertson (staff)
Meaghan Eckersley (staff)

Regrets

Peter Gower
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Date September 26, 2017

Time 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Location Heritage Resource Centre (1st Floor, Market Wing) City Hall, 216 Ontario Street, Kingston

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Agenda Items:

- Group Announcements, open comments, upcoming events.
- New Acquisitions (to be presented at meeting)

Notes:

A) Announcements/Other Discussion: The working group spent some time discussing other focus areas for future consideration that fall within the mandate of the HAWG mandate:

- 1) Long-range collections development;
- 2) Collections storage considerations and status of preservation conditions in civic collection storerooms and galleries;
- 3) Collections database and cataloguing issues.

Staff advised working group members that these topics all fall within existing or future staff work plans and that input from members will be valuable once staff have material to share over the next months.

B) Proposed new acquisitions. Staff presented the following items for consideration as potential new acquisitions for the civic collection:

- 1) **Quilt – Tercentenary commemoration, 1973.** Owner: Susan Saunders, Kingston ON.

Reason to acquire: This quilt was made by residents at Providence Manor in 1973 as a Tercentenary project. It features the names and terms of all Kingston mayors 1838-1973. The quilt was offered in a raffle at Providence Manor in 1973 and won by the donor's mother, Molly Saunders of Alfred Crescent, Kingston. The quilt was later recovered at the family cottage on Howe Island. The quilt relates to history of Kingston, tercentenary celebrations (1973), local retirement home and seniors' craft activities, and commemoration of the City's mayors.

HAWG Recommendation: That Heritage Kingston recommend to Council to accept the Tercentenary commemorative quilt owned by Susan Saunders for the civic collection.

- 2) Council Chair – presentation copy, circa 1997.** Owner: Dick Myers (City Councillor, 1994-97), Kingston ON.

Reason to acquire: Traditionally, retiring members of Kingston City Council receive a reproduction of the original Council chairs in use from the 1840s until 1973 – likely dating from the period when outgoing members were able to retain their Council seat as a memento of their time in office. Councillor Myers received this chair upon retirement from Council in 1997. The City Clerk’s Office maintains a supply of these chairs for this purpose. Each chair is plaqued with the outgoing member’s name and dates on Council. The chair documents the history of the City of Kingston and its governance and Council traditions.

HAWG Recommendation: That Heritage Kingston recommend to Council to accept the presentation Council chair owned by Dick Myers for the civic collection.

- 3) Door hardware – formerly on front door of Canadian Locomotive Company (CLC) Kingston office, Ontario St., pre 1971.** Owner: Christine Cannon, Kingston ON.

Reason to acquire: Owner acquired this hardware (door handles, lock mechanism, key, associated fasteners) from the Canadian Locomotive Company building caretaker in 1971 prior to demolition of the company offices and factory. The owner describes the hardware as coming from the front door of the offices. CLC closed in 1969. By association, these objects are connected with other CLC objects in civic collection (Locomotive 1095, plaque, archival materials), but they are tangential documentation of CLC history – they are standard early twentieth-century hardware not unique to CLC or its functions. They are, however, useful architectural demonstration pieces appropriate for displays in the Heritage Resource Centre, in part because they are complete locksets.

HAWG Recommendation: That Heritage Kingston recommend to Council to accept the Canadian Locomotive Company door hardware owned by Christine Cannon as demonstration objects for the Heritage Resource Centre.

- C) Next Meeting: at the call of the staff facilitator.**