
HANOVER HERITAGE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, Feb 20, 2025 | 10:00 am

Location: Hanover Fire Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT Al Morrow | Gary Fleischauer | Jason Rahn | Stu Lamont | George Rahn

REGRETS Andrew Edgcumbe | Bill Switzer | Jim Rahn

OTHERS PRESENT Laura Christen | Jake Rahn

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

2. ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2025 MINUTES-

Moved by A. Morrow | Seconded by S. Lamont

That the minutes of the November 24, 2024 regular meeting be approved as printed and circulated. **CARRIED**

3. MYSTERY PHOTO | A. Morrow provided mystery photos featuring the winter of 1947.

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ DONATIONS:

4.1.1. Several copies of the Main Street Books received | Donated by: Town of Hanover

5. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION / DISCUSSION

5.1 Building Recognition Signs 2025- In 2025 we will be targeting the old Queens Hotel site/ Apartment building for a plaque/photos/ brick **ACTION:** Ja. Rahn to provide updated inventory list

5.2 Clock Tower Cleaning Project- S. Lamont has approached someone that has Millwright experience who could be ideal to complete the scope of work. **ACTION:** S. Lamont will proceed with a site meeting and will request a written quote.

5.3 P&H Centre Display | The next topic: Kitchenware will be changed over in the next few weeks. The next topic shall be the Furniture Industry

5.4 Cemetery Tour Brochure- The committee provided further revisions to the draft copy. It was identified that when participants are not using the Driftscape app, finding the locations of the stones will be a challenge. Committee members recommended adding semi-permanent numbers of the stones to add a map to the brochure. **ACTION:** A. Morrow will provide a custom map to be included in the publication.

5.5 Event Brainstorming | The committee reviewed the 2025 events calendar, brainstormed ideas, and agreed to move forward with the following events:

Canada Day- Heritage Square Tour and clock tower
Culture Days- Cemetery Tour
Cultural Bus- Heritage Square tour

It was also recommended to video tape the tour **ACTION:** L. Christen to contact A. Olivero to inquire if he might be able to complete the video recording of the tour.

- 5.6 **Senior of the Year** | Committee members were asked to consider Senior of the Year recommendations **ACTION:** Committee members shall contact L. Christen to nominate a candidate.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Child Remains Found | A. Morrow reported the remains of a child buried in Hanover about a century ago were unearthed at a construction site in Dec 2024. It has been determined that the child was 12-18 months old. it has been concluded that no foul play is involved. Given the location near the river, it is probable that the child was buried by a family passing through the area over 100 years ago. **ACTION:** The Heritage committee expressed a desire to assist in designing the tombstone for the child.
- 6.2. Still Standing | A. Morrow shared that Actor/ Comedian Johnny Harris is considering featuring the Town of Hanover in an episode of "Still Standing" focusing on the decline of the furniture industry. **ACTION:** A. Morrow will continue communication with the show production team.
- 6.3. Knights of Columbus | Following the recent fire that destroyed the former Knights of Columbus building earlier this week, committee members reminisced about the facility's rich history.
- 6.4. Delegation Request | The committee has been approached by R.J. Thomas an author and historian from Owen Sound who is working on a project for Grey Roots Museum. He would like the opportunity to speak with the committee and curate photos for a project titles Living Histories V2. **ACTION:** L Christen will invite Mr. Thomas as a delegation to the April meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING Thursday April 17, 2025

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: **S. Lamont**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:20 am.

CARRIED

Committee Chair

Laura Christen, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture