

West Toronto Junction Historical Society

**4 May 2023
7 pm General Meeting (Via Zoom)**

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In Attendance: Christian von Donat (President); Ward Noble (Recording Secretary); Richard Lundeen (past Vice President); Christopher Sears (past President); Jane MacNamara (presenter); Katy Whitfield (Engagement Facilitator); David Bridge (Archives); Peggy Mooney (Treasurer); Diana Fancher (Archives); Vandra Masemann (Leader & Recorder); and 24 others

Minutes recorded by Ward Noble

Item	Description	Action
1	Welcome - The meeting was called to order by Christian von Donat at 7:01.	
2	Ward Noble read the Land Acknowledgment	
3	Christian introduced Chris Rutty from St. John's Anglican West Toronto. Chris outlined different events that the church has ongoing including the cornerstone weekend celebrations, the centennial tea and sale, and Doors Open. He shared the church website that outlined the events and primary history resources related to the church and the neighbourhood. He hopes that the relationship between St. John's and WTJHS can continue beyond the June 22 special hybrid meeting being hosted there. The church website can be accessed at www.sjwt.ca/100th	
4	Christian introduced Jane MacNamara. Jane shared an informative presentation on how to use assessment rolls in local research. She covered what assessment rolls are and what information can be found in them. She went through the past names of the Junction area and where those rolls can be found for each time period up until being swallowed by the City of Toronto. Places to search are: City of Toronto Archives, FamilySearch.org, and especially torontofamilyhistory.org . Jane also asked for anyone who wishes to help with Junction searching and information to contact the Ontario Genealogical Society.	
5	Welcome - the business part of the meeting was called to order by Christian at 8:15. Quorum of 10 was verified.	
6	Minutes of General Meeting from March 2, 2023 - Ward moved acceptance of the March minutes. Richard seconded. CARRIED.	

7	<p>2022 Financial Statements - Christopher Sears presented the 2022 Financial Statements that were not prepared in time for the April AGM. Richard pointed out that much of the surplus shown will not exist once the Toronto Public Library agreement is concluded and the monies owed (approx. \$4000) get paid and are recorded as an expense. Vandra asked to have this amount reflected somewhere, whether as a line item or a note in the financial statements.</p>	<p>Christopher will forward the financial statements to James Naudi to be posted to the website prior to the June General Meeting to be discussed and voted on then.</p> <p>Christopher will ask the accountant how the outstanding amount owed to the TPL should be recorded and if the Financial Statement needs to be adjusted to account for it.</p>
8	<p>Forthcoming Meetings and Events - Richard Lundein, on behalf of Dave Muir, outlined that at the June 8 meeting Andrew McConnell will be speaking about the Indigenous presence in the Junction through the past and the understanding of the First Nations signatories to Treaty 13 about that treaty and how their understanding differed from the settlers' understanding.</p> <p>June 22 Hybrid meeting (live and zoom) at St. John's West Toronto. Christopher Moore will lead a discussion about the future of a monarchy in Canada.</p> <p>Future presenters will be an item for discussion at the next Executive Meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Planning Proposal for Zoning - Christian introduced an item raised by Diana Fancher regarding the proposed rezoning of Vine Avenue from business use to future condominiums between Keele and Vine Park. This would result in the loss of an important heritage property at 108 Vine (currently The Sweet Potato) and a loss of other businesses in this vibrant area.</p> <p>Christian moved that Diana write a letter on behalf of the WTJHS to oppose the rezoning. Madeleine McDowell seconded. CARRIED.</p>	<p>Diana to write a letter on behalf of the WTJHS to oppose the rezoning on Vine Avenue.</p>
10	<p>Madeleine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42. No seconder needed. CARRIED.</p>	