

HTG-24-18

Heritage Week Sat Feb 17 & Sun Feb 18, 2024 @ The Oshawa Markets Final Report

Heritage Oshawa Heritage Week Working Group: Chair Robert T. Bell, Members Diane Stephen, Patty Davis. Also helping: Sarah Smale & James Bountrogiannis
Staff coordinator Harrison Whilsmith

I. Location: The Oshawa Flea Market - we were assigned a great corner booth on the day by the manager - the corner spot worked especially good

II. Times & equipment etc:

A. Furniture: Robert Bell brought 2 eight foot folding tables & 4 chairs

B. Setup: We arrived at about 8:30 am on both days & were plenty early. In general setup is allowed Wed & Thurs 9-5 & Friday 9-9. Plus Sat 8 to 10.

C. Open for Public: Sat & Sun 10 to 6+

D. Takedown & close : We left tables overnight Sat at the market & take everything when we leave Sunday at 6. Bob brought home small items each night

III. Display: Mainly property related items & photos from Bob's collection

A. Inventory - Diane arranged for Harrison to colour print the Inventory & Register & provide pens

B. Photos & info on recently designated Memorial Park - photo of St George's church which was in the park & Pedlar Plaque & programme from the dedication of the war memorial & photos before it was unveiled

C. Images & info regarding Oshawa's 100th Anniversary 1924-2024 - copy of 1938 programme & history by Dr Kaiser & photos of Residential, Commercial, Religious, & Industrial properties from the time

D. General history:

- Pedlar People was on the site of the market & has plaque in Memorial Park which is where it was before moving to the market location. Pedlar info, photos, mementos etc.

- Malleable Iron was in area - Photo etc - Metrolinks now owns it for GO service

- Phillips Glass/Duplate/PPG was in area - fire insurance map for it & the others

- St George & St John Ukrainian Churches both in area - heritage buildings

- Ontario County 1877 Atlas (displayed open at the Oshawa map with bookmarks at the county & township map)

E. Heritage Oshawa Banner Signage via Harrison

- Diane brought small Canadian lapel pins and paper Canadian flags.

- Brochures on Heritage Oshawa via Harrison

- Heritage Oshawa Banners

- Diane brought Windfields Farm & Northern Dancer related information & stickers for kids

- Bob brought 2 of his City of Oshawa Flags

IV. Heritage Oshawa Volunteers Robert, Diane, James, & Sarah ensured the booth was covered 9 - 6 both days John O'Boyle also visited the booth.

V. Planning & Recapping the Event: Working Group discussions were held in person & online

VI. Suggestions recorded during the event:

A. By Group Members:

- Small size City of Oshawa flags - paper on a stick style - as handouts
- More pins & another banner our second one could not be found for the event
- Brochure on researching your house - in conjunction with the Museum
- Thank you letter to the Market should be sent - see Attachment A below

B. By Members of the Public:

- The Heritage Oshawa brochures were appreciated - but links to inventory & register were asked about
- Research & promote Oshawa's history more
- Info on how to research your own house wanted
- A couple of people noted some inventory photos need updating

VII. Feedback & Overall comments:

- Good location, turnout, & interactions - all positive & no problems to report. Some comments about preserving history more
- Thanks to all

VIII. This is the final report of the Working Group to full Heritage Oshawa Meeting