

UELAC

CALGARY BRANCH SPRING NEWSLETTER: 2021

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**UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

Calgary Branch

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The annual general meeting for the Calgary Branch UELAC was held on-line as a Zoom meeting.

MINUTES of SPRING GENERAL MEETING ... MARCH 7, 2021

WELCOME:

Liz Adair, our regional councilor handed over **Zoom** to Suzanne, and Suzanne welcomed 26 people to the meeting, including Barb Andrew, our regional vice-president, Members present were David and Barbara Hongisto, Linda McClelland, Karen Stevenson and Gord Miller, Ivy Trumppour, Ian McIlreath, Pat Brown and Wendy, Bill Simpson, Charlie Lund, Louise Ferriss, Shona Wards, Layla Briggs, Elaine Rewcastle, George Himan, Susan Billington and Verna Reid, Billy Thurston, Marian and Paul Beer and Kevin Milos along with Bob Rogers from the Edmonton Branch and Nathan Tidridge (our speaker).

We played the Royal Anthem.

PRESENTATION:

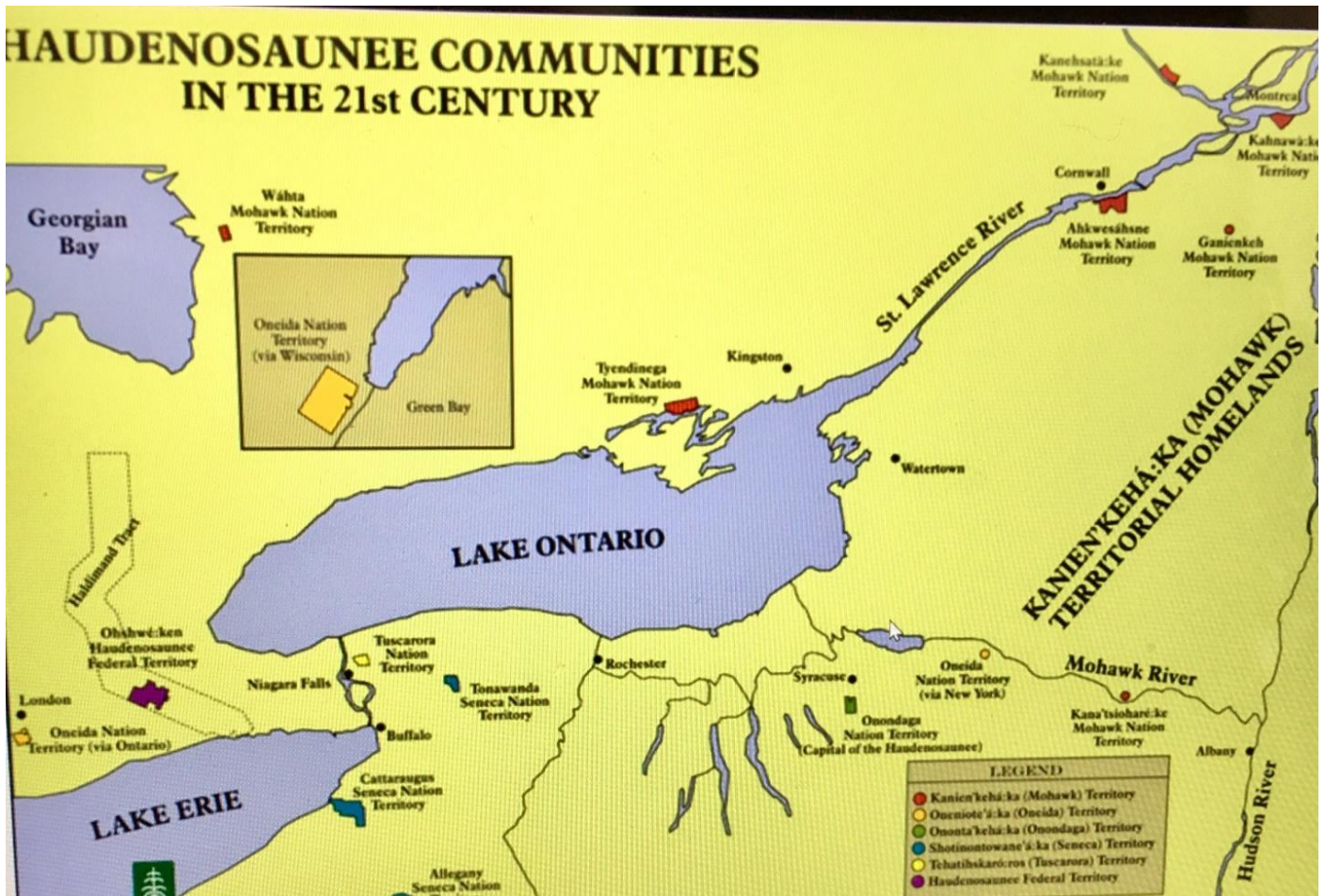
Nathan Tidridge, the Honorary Fellow of the UELAC and an Ontario teacher, gave us a most interesting power-point discussion on Upper Canada Treaties which preceded the settlement of Loyalists along the southern Great Lakes. We learned a lot. Below are some of the maps and photos that Nathan used in his presentation.

Treaty Locations and dates of agreement for Upper Canada

You can look for the area you are interested in.



Current Haudenosaunee Communities



Her Majesty's Royal Chapels



Chapel of the Mohawks in Brantford is the oldest surviving church building and first Anglican Church in Upper Canada. It was designated a Chapel Royal in 1904 by King Edward VII in recognition of the Covenant Chain between the Mohawk people and the Crown

Christ Church near Deseronto in Ontario was designated in 2004 by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of the Tyendingaga Mohawk community military service.

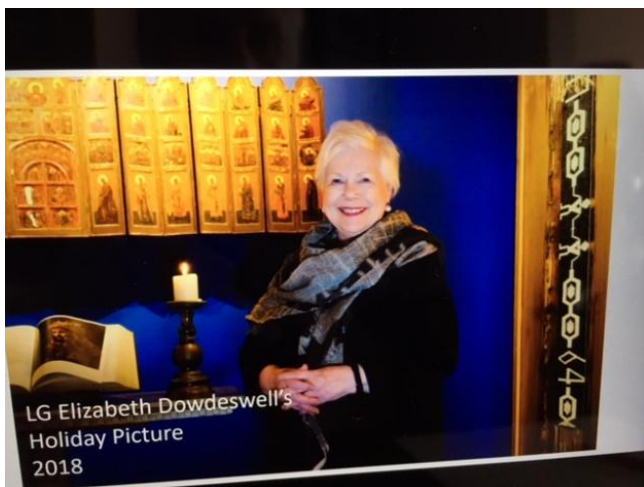
Both of these churches were established in Mohawk territory after the American Revolution.

The third Chapel Royal in Canada is at Massey College, part of the University of Toronto. This St Catherine's Chapel was designated in 2017 following approval by Queen Elizabeth II. Its designation is in recognition of the sesquicentennial of Canada and the relationship between Massey College and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations.

Queen Anne's Chapel is situated within Fort Hunter, New York. It was built in 1711 after representatives of the Five Nations travelled to England to meet with Queen Anne

Other Chapel Royals are in the United Kingdom and affiliated with the Crown.

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario 2018 Holiday Photo at St Catherine's Chapel



Interior of St Catherine's Chapel Royal at Massey College

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2020

These minutes were viewed. Linda McClelland moved, and Pat Brown seconded that these minutes be accepted. All were in favour.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Report Mar 7 2021

No ceremonies for Remembrance Day were held in person. Rory Cory at The Military Museums periodically checks for our wreath that is stored there.

Website: The idea is to add some short biographies on previous long time members and include information on those honoured in Lethbridge. We would like to receive any book reports on historical material to post on the website. Currently there are reports on two children's books from the Beers.

Ivy and Pat have been researching Irene Parlby's ancestry. Her Loyalist ancestor was Frederick William Geyer. He escaped to England, and then returned to Boston after the Revolution. One of his daughters married Joseph Maryatt, whose grandson immigrated to Canada with his family including Irene. A number of family members are buried in the Alix cemetery, near Lacombe. Initial contact has been made with the Mayor of Alix. Further contact will be pursued along with organizing a commemoration.

Everyone has been sent a file for our brochure which was formed with input from Ivy.

We are available to help with any applications that are being considered. Currently there is one in progress, nearly ready for submission.

Our U of C history prize is being awarded annually. Currently its value is \$500 with work on increasing the value in progress.

Certificates

Ian McIlreath

Ian received a certificate for Loyalist, David William Babcock. He was born in Orange County, New York. During the Revolution he was a Captain in the Embodied Loyalists. After the war he moved to Kingston, Upper Canada. His descendants continued to farm in the Kingston area, then Lennox and Addington, Ontario. Eventually the descendants moved to the city of Kingston, where Ian was born.

Mona Charlesworth

After much research and many hours of organizing, an application was submitted for Robert Caldwell. He was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland and immigrated to Charlotte County, Vermont prior to the Revolution. During the Revolution he was with the King's Royal Rangers of New York and spent time at the Refugee camps at St Jean and Sorel, Quebec. From there he joined a number of Loyalists and others and helped establish New Carlisle, Quebec on the Gaspé Peninsula. He and his descendants were instrumental in establishing the area. Some were ship captains. Mona's father moved west to East Kootenay, BC, where Mona was born. A genealogical proof was required to connect Robert with his children, in particular, James. Twenty-four pieces of evidence were used to confirm the connection.



Suzanne is checking into book reports. She is asking for any input. Jacquie mentioned the writing up of biographies, as they do in B.C.

Suzanne is doing a great job with our website, as Linda indicated.

Loyalist ancestry regarding Louise Parlby will be discussed later in the meeting.

Suzanne has one application for certification in the works now.

TREASURER'S REPORT

David thanked Karen and Barbara for auditing the report. Members perused the report. We have approximately \$4,000 in the bank account and \$25,000 in the term deposit. David moved, and Linda seconded the move to accept the report. It passed unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF BRANCH OFFICERS

President: Suzanne Davidson

Treasurer: David Hongisto

Secretary: Barbara Hongisto

Membership: Bill Simpson

Newsletter: Linda McClelland

Members-at-large: Pat Brown, Karen Stevenson, Ivy Trumpour, Ian McIlreath

MEMBERSHIP

Bill announced that there were 23 individual members, 15 families, and 3 additional ones.

OTHER BUSINESS

The May Dominion conference has information on –line.

Barb Andrew announced that a Prairie Regional meeting will take place April 10, on Zoom, at 10:00 am Alberta time.

Update on Irene Parlby information: Ivy is working hard to connect with various people in Alix, about getting a plaque put in the cemetery, recognizing descendents of Loyalists, like Irene Parlby. Both the mayor and the museum are most interested. It is a work in progress and more information will follow concerning the details of having this occur.

After the meeting communication from the family of Irene Parlby (her grandson) was received through the museum. He is of the opinion that there is not a connection to Loyalists, and therefore is not interested in pursuing any recognition. We will abide by this request at the current time. A plan to visit the museum in Alix during the summer is anticipated pending restrictions in place at the time.

The meeting ended with the playing of "O Canada".

Thank-you to all the people who attended this Zoom meeting.