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Signs with historical information have been placed on six town buildings (Carman Bakery, Doyle's Funeral Home, Steven's Drugstore, Union Bank, Doyle's Furniture store, Carman Granite). Research on other buildings is continuing, including historically significant sites such as the Leader Block. We anticipate being able to install at least two additional signs in 2013.

Signage commemorating the Ryall Hotel is ready for installation and the Grandstand signage is near completion. Both will be installed in 2013, at a date to be determined by completion of work on the grandstand roof. Signs have been made to mark locations of rural school sites that are not already signed. Installation is pending hydro and telephone 'locates' and will be completed in 2013.

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Objective E - Ensure brochures are available at strategic locations in the community.

Members of the Committee monitored brochure locations regularly to ensure adequate supplies were available. We anticipate that brochures will have to be reprinted in 2013. A draft of a brochure featuring a driving tour of rural heritage sites in the R.M. of Dufferin was drawn up in 2012; completion of this work is awaiting installation of several additional signs and is scheduled for 2013.

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