To: Chair and Members
Emergency & Community Services Committee

From: Walter G. Peace
Hamilton Historical Board

Date: December 11, 2007

Re: Approval for Designated Property Plaques Text (Report 07-008(HHB)) (Wards 1, 2, 13 and 15)

Recommendation:

That the wording for designated property plaques, hereto attached and marked as Appendix A to Report No. 07-008(HHB) (Wards 1, 2, 13 and 15), be approved.

Background:

The Joint Plaquing Sub-committee is a sub-committee of the Hamilton Historical Board and Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee). It recommends for recognition, persons, places and events of significant heritage value. Three general categories of plaques have been established: Commemorative Plaques, Designated Property Plaques and Heritage Inventory Plaques.

Designated property plaques are for properties that are worthy of designation due to their historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural heritage landscape attributes under the Ontario Heritage Act. The designation requests are considered and recommended by the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) to the Economic Development and Planning Committee, and then onto Council for final approval. Designation of a property under the Ontario Heritage Act does not include a designated property plaque.

Designated property plaques are 12” by 9” cast aluminum ovals. Each plaque is limited to 20 words. Two plaques are produced each year at a cost of $875 each (includes installation). The City of Hamilton holds ownership of designated property plaques.

The Joint Plaquing Sub-committee prioritizes properties from the annual list of designated properties received from the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee).
Committee). The Joint Plaquing Sub-committee determines which properties will receive a plaque, based on the approved criteria.

**Financial Implications:**
Funds to manufacture and install designated property plaques are in current operating budgets.

**Analysis/Rationale:**
The Hamilton Historical Board and Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) adopted the following criteria for plaquing priority:

1. Heritage property must have been designated post-amalgamation.
2. Heritage property should have high physical visibility to the public.
3. Heritage property should have high heritage value as determined by the number of heritage criteria satisfied in the Cultural Heritage Assessment Report supporting property designation.
4. Owners should agree to wording on the plaque and agree on the placement of the plaque on the structure or property.
5. In the event that heritage properties are considered to equally satisfy criteria 1 to 4, properties will be plaqued in chronological order as determined by the date of the enacting designating By-Law.

(i) It is recommended that the City of Hamilton continue to install individually designed plaques on heritage designated buildings.

(ii) Since there is already a list of post-amalgamation designated heritage properties awaiting plaques, in a year when less than two heritage properties are designated by the L.A.C.A.C. Committee, the outstanding post amalgamation list will be used (in chronological order of the By-Laws) to ensure that 2 properties are plaqued for the year.

(iii) All decisions respecting those designated heritage properties to be awarded a plaque should be made in October of any year, in order that City staff can make the necessary arrangements for the production and delivery of the plaque to be awarded at the following year's February Heritage Day ceremonies.

(iv) It is recommended that the City of Hamilton continue to fund the purchase of 2 designated heritage property plaques per year, however if a property is awarded heritage designation and the owner offers to pay for their plaque, this will be permitted and in no way alter the number of plaques to be awarded by the city for the year.
Text for the Remainder of the Post-Amalgamation Designated Properties

1. 2006 By-law 0711 – 9 Kinnell Street

1909
9 KINNELL STREET
ONTARIO VERNACULAR
CENTRE-GABLED STYLE
WORKER’S COTTAGE

2. 2006 By-law 06-270 – 5 Brock Street (Dundas)

1857
5 BROCK STREET NORTH
1-1½ STOREY STONE
WORKER’S COTTAGE
AN EXAMPLE OF LOCAL STONE WORKMANSHIP
VERNACULAR LATE-GEORGIAN STYLE

3. 2006 By-law 06-271 – 140 Erie Avenue

1900
140 ERIE AVENUE
2½ STOREY BRICK
QUEEN ANNE STYLE
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

4. 2006 By-law 06-036 – 281 Herkimer

1919
BANK OF HAMILTON
ARCHITECT: GORDON J. HUTTON, PAUL DOMVILLE ASSOCIATE
ARCHITECT
1-STOREY BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING
EDWARDIAN CLASSICAL STYLE
5. 2006 By-law 07-010 – 317 Dundas St. East (Waterdown)

1922
WATERDOWN MEMORIAL HALL
TO MEMORIALIZE LOCAL CITIZENS INVOLVED IN WORLD WAR 1
1-STORY BRICK
EDWARDIAN CLASSICAL STYLE

6. 2005 By-law 05-296 – 276-278 King St. West

1906
276-278 KING STREET WEST
AN EXAMPLE OF
EDWARDIAN VERNACULAR
COMMERCIAL STYLE
WITH DECORATIVE BRICK FEATURES

7. 2005 By-law 06-011 – 71 Main St. West

1960
HAMILTON CITY HALL
ARCHITECT: STANLEY ROSCOE
BUILT BY: PIGOTT CONSTRUCTION
INTACT EXAMPLE OF
MODERN CIVIC
ARCHITECTURE

8. 2004 By-law 05-012 320 King Street East

1892
320 KING STREET EAST
BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING
AN EXAMPLE OF ITALIANATE
COMMERCIAL STYLE

6 November 2007 – approved by Joint Plaquing Sub-committee
13 November 2007 – approved by Hamilton Historical Board
22 November 2007 – approved by Hamilton LACAC-Municipal Heritage Committee