Present: A. French (Chair)
Councillors B. Bratina, B. McHattie and M. Pearson
M. Adkins, A. Charlton, M. Kirk, R. Simpson,
S. Stewart-Greene, F. Thorp-Neufeld K. Wakeman, S. Wray
and G. Zajac

Absent with
Regrets: A. Denham-Robinson (Vice Chair), personal commitment

Also Present: B. Khes, Acting Manager Community Planning and Design
D. Cuming, Senior Project Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
M. House, Cultural Heritage Planner
J. Muller, Cultural Heritage Planner
B. Williamson, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner – Student
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

Chair French acknowledged that this is the last meeting for Frances Thorp-Neufeld
and thanked her for her contributions to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
since her appointment in 2006 and presented her with a certificate.

The Chair also acknowledged that this is the last meeting for co-op student Britney
Williamson and he thanked her for her work.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised the following was added to the agenda:

(a) Nomination for the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association volunteer
award added as Item 8.4
(Wakeman/Simpson)
That the agenda be approved as amended.  

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

George Zajac declared a conflict with respect to Item 8.3 as one of the principals is his client.

3. DELEGATION REQUESTS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (Item 3)

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(Adkins/Thorp-Neufeld)
That the Minutes of the November 26, 2009 meeting, of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee be approved, as presented.  

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Item 5)

(a) Correspondence from Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration respecting Ontario’s volunteer recognition programs. The nomination closing dates vary and are in January 2010. (Deferred from the November 26, 2009 meeting) (Item 5.1)

Chair French asked if there were any nominations for Ontario's volunteer recognition programs.

None were submitted.

(Charlton/Wray)
That the correspondence from Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration respecting Ontario’s volunteer recognition programs be received.  

CARRIED
(b) Kenilworth Library, 103 Kenilworth Street North, Hamilton (D. Cuming - verbal update) (Item 5.2)

Meghan House advised that staff’s preliminary research of the Kenilworth Library revealed that it opened in 1932 and it has a similar design to the former Boys and Girls House of the Toronto Public Library. Meghan House distributed photos of the library and indicated that there is no City file regarding the building.

As Councillor Pearson is a member of the Library Board, she indicated that she will see if she can obtain some more information.

(c) Committee’s Year End Report Submissions (A. Denham-Robinson - no copy) (Item 5.3)

The Chair reminded the members that submissions for the Committee’s Year End Report are now due in order that the draft Committee Report can be considered at the January meeting and the approved final copy be printed in February. He also briefly summarized what will be included in the Report.

6. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 6)

(a) Delegated Approvals (Item 6.1):

(i) Heritage Permit Application (Archaeological Assessment) 77 King Street West, Stoney Creek, Battlefield House, Park and Monument (Ward 9) (Item 6.1.1)

(ii) Heritage Permit Application (Replacement Windows) 73 Melville Street, Dundas, Dundas Central Public School (Ward 13) (Item 6.1.2)

(Adkins/Pearson)
That Items 6(a)(i) to 6(a)(ii) be received.

CARRIED

(b) Staff Reports/Recommendations (Item 6.2)

None
7. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS

None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(a) Request to Designate the Desjardins Canal, Dundas, Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED09314) (Ward 13) (Approved by Council December 9, 2009) (M. House)(Item 8.1)

The Chair explained that this report was approved by Council and that the endorsement of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee to add the Canal to the Register is required.

(Wakeman/Thorp-Neufeld)

(i) That Report PED09324 respecting Request to Designate the Desjardins Canal, Dundas, Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act be received;

(ii) That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee concurs with Council's decision that the Desjardins Canal, Dundas be added to the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

CARRIED

(b) Heritage Property Awards Night (A. Denham-Robinson) (Item 8.2)

The Chair briefly outlined the plans for the Awards Night and asked for comments, suggestions and volunteers. Frances Thorp-Neufeld indicated that she will try to volunteer for the Awards Night.

(c) Heritage Impact Assessment, All Saints Church and Rectory, 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton (D. Cuming) (Item 8.3).

It was noted that at the November 26, 2009 meeting Committee directed by motion that the amended Heritage Impact Assessment be referred to the Policy and Design Sub-Committee.

Councillor McHattie asked for staff's opinion on the latest submission. David Cuming advised that the consultant has submitted additional information and it is now critical to determine if enough detail has been provided to ascertain what reasonably should be saved. The role of
staff and the Policy Design Sub-Committee is to provide guidance and address any requirements in the conditions.

As George Zajac who is Chair of the Policy and Design Sub-Committee has declared a conflict, Art French indicated that he, Anne Charlton and Kathy Wakeman, will review the submission and will report back to Committee in January.

(d) Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association Nomination for Volunteer Award (Added Item 8.4).

Chair French introduced the added Item respecting the nomination for the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association volunteer award and explained that the nominations are due in January prior to the next Heritage Committee meeting.

(Charlton/Kirk)
(i) That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee nominate Bob and Sylvia Wray for a volunteer award from the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association for their research, writing and organizing of material for Volume 7B - Places of Worship;
(ii) That staff be requested to forward payment of the 2010 membership fee in the amount of $20.00 to the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association.

CARRIED

9. Buildings and Landscapes

(a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

(i) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie
   No updates

(ii) Lister Block, 28-44 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie
   No updates

(iii) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – G. Zajac
   No updates
(iv) **Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L)(R) – M. Adkins**
No updates

(v) **St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – S. Stewart-Greene**
No updates

(vi) **Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie**
Councillor McHattie indicated that the Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble has been unsuccessful in its applications for Provincial and Federal grants. Councillor Bratina advised that a fund raiser called Toonies for Tivoli has been launched. Councillor Pearson noted that a grant for repairs to the roof was recently approved by the City.

(vii) **Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (L) – A. Charlton**
No updates

(viii) **The Royal Connaught Hotel, 112 King Street East, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins**
Michael Adkins noted that there are several open windows. Councillor Bratina advised that the proponents did not receive the Federal-Provincial housing funding and therefore the affordable housing project is not going forward at this time. The mortgage holder may be considering other options such as selling the property.

(ix) **Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – A. Charlton**
No updates

(x) **46 - 52 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – S. Stewart-Greene**
Sue Stewart-Greene advised there are no updates other than she noticed some open windows.

(xi) **All Saints Church, 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton (A. Charlton)**
No updates except for as outlined in Item 8 (c).
(xii) **Grove Hall, Hickory House, Gateview, Century Manor and surrounding landscape, 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton – (K. Wakeman)**

Councillor McHattie indicated that he and Anne Charlton have met with staff from St. Joseph’s Healthcare and they were advised that the Province is steering this project and in his opinion the Ministries of Health and Culture should work together to address the different interests.

Staff from St. Joseph’s Healthcare had many questions concerning the City’s inventory of 7,000 properties and expressed a willingness to follow the process. They also indicated that if they found a suitable tenant there would be no need to demolish Grove Hall.

Frances Thorp-Neufeld advised that from her experiences, contacting the Minister of Culture, Aileen Carroll, early in the process could be very beneficial.

David Cuming advised that City staff had discussed process issues with staff from St. Joseph’s Healthcare. The St. Joseph’s staff expressed concerns that they do not have a mandate to protect heritage buildings. City staff explained to them that these are health care facilities that now have cultural heritage value. New health care uses or adaptive re-uses should be found for these structures.

With respect to questions from Councillors McHattie and Bratina respecting the updating of the City’s built heritage inventory, David Cuming advised that capital money has been allocated in the budget for this work, but due to the internal department hiring freeze contract staff has not been hired. The Division is currently looking at utilizing in-house staff to work on the inventory and staff will report back with respect to this issue in 2010.

(b) **Buildings and Landscapes of Concern**

(i) **Federal Building, 150 Main Street West (L) – M. Adkins**

Michael Adkins noted that there is some new graffiti.
Frances Thorp-Neufeld advised that at an ad hoc meeting of the general public in Dundas, ideas were discussed on what would be invigorating for the town. One of the suggestions was to open up shops along the Desjardins Canal and bring back pleasure boats.

Frances Thorp-Neufeld advised the building is still up for sale.

Richard Simpson advised he drove by the building this morning and it still appears to be in poor condition. A sign has been posted indicating that there is a guard dog inside.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) **Bill 212 - Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act** (Item 10.1)

Meghan House explained that Bill 212 provides for minor housekeeping amendments. The Bill received Royal Assent on December 15, 2009. She noted that there are a number of amendments to the powers of the Ontario Heritage Trust. The Bill amends Section 34 with regards to request for demolition and provides that the 90 day review period only begins once the municipality considers the application to be complete and has issued a notice of receipt.

(b) **A progress update on Volume 7B** (S. Wray) (Item 10.2)

Sylvia Wray indicated that now that the data respecting the places of worship has been compiled, it is up to City staff to use it.

Meghan House, on behalf of the City’s Heritage staff thanked the volunteers for their extensive work in completing this project.

(c) **2010 Meeting Schedule** (I. Bedioui) (Item 10.3)

The Clerk advised that City staff are scheduled to move back into City Hall by the summer. Therefore, Room 207 has been reserved up to
the August meeting. Parking passes for the next three months will be included in the January 2010 agenda packages.

(d)  **Book Marks (A. Denham-Robinson - verbal update) (Item 10.4)**

Art French advised that the Spa in Ancaster ordered 1,000 bookmarks and to date the sale of book marks has totalled $100 or $110 from the initial $200 investment.

At the Committee’s suggestions, Art French will contact Tourism Hamilton and Councillor Pearson will communicate with the Hamilton Library Board to see if either would be interested in the book marks.

(e)  **Staff comments (D. Cuming) (Item 10.5)**

David Cuming addressed Committee and extended a sincere thank you to the volunteers for their many volunteer hours and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

11. **New Business**

Chair French advised that he received a letter from Robin McKee indicating that on Sunday January 10, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a celebration for Sir John A. MacDonald, Canada’s first prime minister, at the Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Pearson/Charlton)

There being no further business, that the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Art French, Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant,
City Clerk’s Office
December 17, 2009