REPORT 09-003

HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 25, 2009
12:00 p.m., Room 207
Hamilton Convention Centre, 2nd Floor
1 Summers Lane, Hamilton

Present:
A. Denham-Robinson (Vice Chair)
M. Adkins, A. Charlton, M. Kirk, R. Simpson, S. Stewart-Greene,
F. Thorp-Neufeld, K. Wakeman, and S. Wray

Absent with regrets:
A. French (Chair), illness
Councillors B. Bratina, B. McHattie, and M. Pearson, City Business
G. Zajac, bereavement

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
F. Thibeault, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner
I. Bedioui, City Clerk’s Office

THE HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 09-003 TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS:

1. All Saints Church and Rectory, 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton

Whereas the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee is established under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to advise and assist Council on matters under Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee has considered a preliminary cultural heritage evaluation of All Saints Church located at 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton hereto attached as “Appendix A”; and
Whereas the property is believed to be of cultural heritage value or interest according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and

Whereas non-designated heritage property may be included in the Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act where it is believed that such property is of cultural heritage value or interest;

Now therefore that Council include the property known generally as All Saints Church and Rectory located at 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton in the Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and

Furthermore, that Council direct staff to undertake a Cultural Heritage Assessment of All Saints Church and Rectory located at 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton with a view to prospective designation and that such work be placed in staff’s work program for completion in 2009 or early in 2010 and that appropriate changes be made to the priorities and work program for remaining years 2009 to 2012.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE

(a) All Saints Church and Rectory, 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton (Item 5.1)

Anne Charlton introduced the motion as outlined in Item 1 which was approved by the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.

Appendix A which outlines a preliminary cultural heritage evaluation of the property is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Denham-Robinson, Vice Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

Ida Bediou
Legislative Assistant
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
June 25, 2009
Design value or physical value:
All Saints’ Anglican Church was designed by Hamilton architect, William Leith, and constructed in 1872-73. With its steeply pitched roof, sloping buttresses, pointed arch windows with simple tracery, brick masonry window details combined with stone construction, and interior open timber ceiling, it is a fine example of the late Victorian interpretation of early English Gothic country churches.

The rectory adjacent to the church on Queen St. and the Sunday School building to the rear were built in 1891. In 1909, to increase seating space, the chancel, vestry and one bay of the nave were removed and sympathetically replaced by a transept, a large chancel and a new vestry. The bell tower which stood at the northwest corner of the building was removed in 1999 after earthquake damage.

Historical values or associative values:
All Saints’ developed from the congregation of St. John’s Chapel, a mission of Christ's Church Cathedral, and was the fourth Anglican church built in the old City of Hamilton. The cost of the land, construction and organ were all covered by Sen. Samuel Mills, a parishioner and prominent businessman, politician, president of the Gore Bank and a founding director of the Bank of Hamilton. After his death, the church and its grounds were transferred to the Anglican Diocese of Niagara for $1.00. All Saints’ was the mother church of St. Mark’s Anglican Church on Bay St. S. and St. George’s Anglican Church at Tom and Strathcona Sts., both of which are designated. The chapel in the north arm of All Saints’ transept is dedicated to the Hamilton nineteenth century businessman, Thomas Edwin Leather, and his wife, active leaders in the early years of All Saints’ Parish.

Contextual value:
The scale and construction of All Saints’ Church and its related buildings add significant visual and historical interest to this important corner location strategically sited at the intersection of King Street West and Queen Street South. The church stands as not only a prominent physical landmark but also is of significance as a marker of the later nineteenth century phase of downtown Hamilton developmen