HAMILTON HISTORICAL BOARD
Presentation to the Planning Committee
November 20, 2012.
Board Structure & Mandate

• Supported by Tourism & Culture Division, reports to City Council through Planning & Economic Development

• Advises Council on historical and heritage matters

• Oversees Hamilton’s eight Civic Museums - five of which are National Historic Sites

• Promotes awareness and appreciation of Hamilton’s history and heritage

• Consists of fifteen citizen members, one rep from the Municipal Heritage Committee, and one rep from City Council
• HHB member-liaisons are assigned to each museum and report monthly to HHB

• HHB monitors the museums and their programs, approves grounds-use requests, and addresses issues around public use of museum sites

• Members volunteer at museum events

• Members volunteer at community and local heritage events

• Members liaise with regional historical societies and associations
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Heritage Events

• Annual celebration of Heritage Week and Heritage Day in February

• Volunteer Heritage Awards Ceremony

• Celebration of George Hamilton Day at the August long weekend holiday

• The HHB ‘Most Famous Hamiltonian’ contest

• Heritage plaque unveiling programs at local schools

• Heritage Book Launches
Heritage Plaquing

• HHB members administer and chair the City’s Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee

• Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee has researched and approved 16 commemorative and 19 designation plaques

• Plaque inventory monitoring, cleaning and replacement is undertaken in concert with the city museums’ conservator
Education & Publication

- Maintain the HHB website [www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca](http://www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca)
- Administer the HHB Speakers Bureau - Historically Speaking
- Continues to expand educational outreach programs to Hamilton schools
- Publishes the HHB quarterly publication *historiCITY* with a distribution of 2500 copies per edition
- Produces and distributes *Ward Fact Sheets* online and in print form
Municipal Heritage Recognition

The Heritage Events Sub-Committee organized the annual 2012 Heritage Recognition Awards Day ceremonies at City Hall, including:

• The City of Hamilton and HHB Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award

• The Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association Volunteer Awards

• The Susan E. Bennetto History Student Awards.
Bicentennial of the War of 1812

The Hamilton Historical Board is planning for year two of the Bicentennial as part of the City’s commemorative programs. For 2013:

- 2nd of three commemorative editions of *historiCITY* (1813)
- Educational outreach program in partnership with McMaster
- *Top 12 of 1812* HHB school visitations - free of charge
- Six 1812 heritage plaques
A View to the Future

• Commemoration of World War I - 2014-2018

• Celebration of Canada’s Sesquicentennial 2017

• Expansion of public programming

• Working in partnership with Public Works, Open Space Development to establish the Battlefield and Gage Park Master Plans

• Long-range planning for the Museum & Heritage Presentation section within the Culture Division

On behalf of the HHB
Thank You!