Recommendation:

That the wording for designated property plaques, hereto attached and marked as Appendix A to Report No. 08-004(HHB) (Wards), 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. Six 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). 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 identified in the approved operating budget of the Manager of Museums and Heritage Presentation.

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 (2) 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 two (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 two (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.
1. 2007 By-law 08-003 – 1059 Highway 8 (Stoney Creek)

1888
CARPENTER HOUSE
2 ½ STORY RED BRICK HOME
QUEEN ANNE REVIVAL STYLE

2. 2007 By-law 07-152 – 209 – 211 James Street South (Hamilton)

1888-1889
209-211 JAMES STREET SOUTH
2 STOREY BRICK HOMES
HIGH VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL STYLE

3. 2003 By-law 03-052 – 163 Jackson Street West (Hamilton)

1850
PINEHURST
2 1/2 STORY LIMESTONE HOME
NEO-CLASSICAL PRE-CONFEDERATION STYLE
TRANSFORMED INTO A
SECOND EMPIRE RESIDENCE c1875

4. 2003 By-law 03-046 – 537 Carluke Road West (Ancaster)

1866
JAMES ADAM CALDER HOUSE
1 1/2 STORY LIMESTONE
GOTHIC REVIVAL PRE-CONFEDERATION STYLE