MINUTES: Hamilton Historical Board  
Tuesday, July 14, 2009 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
City Centre – Suite 305 Board Room

CHAIR: Bill Manson  
MINUTE TAKER: Jason Ryan

PRESENT: Carolyn McCann, Mary Anderson, Robin McKee, Susanne Noordyk, Bob Williamson, Kathy Wakeman, Pat Saunders, Rob Hamilton, Deborah Eker, Christine Lei

STAFF: Ian Kerr-Wilson

REGrets: Councillor Russ Powers, Graham Crawford, Walter Peace, Michael Sangermano

GUESTS: Beth Wakeford

CHAIR’S REMARKS
See attached

12:30 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
That the July Agenda (as amended) of the Hamilton Historical Board be approved.  
(Hamilton/Anderson) APPROVED

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST  
None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 9, 2009 (attached)  
That the June minutes of the Hamilton Historical Board be approved.  
(Wakeman/Anderson) APPROVED

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION  
4.1. Community Partnership Program (Beth Wakeford)  
Info on and seeking volunteers for, grant application adjudication  
Those interested to contact Beth Wakeford

4.2. HHB Meeting Dates  
4.2.1. Because of the late Labour Day holiday this year, be it resolved that the scheduled September meeting dates be amended as follows:  
• Joint-Plaquing Sub-committee: from Tuesday 1 to Tuesday 8  
• Editorial Team/Communications & Education Sub-committee: from Wednesday 2 to Wednesday 9  
• HHB: from Tuesday 8 to Tuesday 15  
(Hamilton/Anderson) CARRIED

4.2.2. Be it resolved that the August 11, 2009 meeting of the Hamilton Historical Board be cancelled.  
(Saunders/Anderson) CARRIED
4.3. Student Awards (Carolyn McCann)
4.3.1. Be it resolved that the HHB Student Recognition Awards be named: "The Susan E. Bennetto History Awards" (see attached biography)
(McCann/Wakeman) CARRIED

4.3.2. Be it resolved that the dedication plaque on the Hamilton History Student of the Year Award in 2010 read as follows:

The Hamilton History Student of the Year Award sponsored by Hamilton HIStory+HERitage is presented to [recipient] by the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Historical Board February 13, 2010
(McCann/Anderson) CARRIED

4.4. HHB Presentation to E&CS (Bill Manson)
Approval of draft HHB Annual Report presentation to E&CS on September 23 as amended
(Wakeman/Hamilton) APPROVED
Motion to highlight women of significance in 2010 annual presentation
(McCann/Hamilton) APPROVED

4.5. HHB Civic Holiday Proposal (Pat Saunders)
Approval of draft Civic Holiday Proposal presentation to E&CS on October 21
(Saunders/Wakeman) APPROVED

4.6. Rymal Family Plaque (Bob Williamson)
Approval of the wording for the Rymal Family Plaque as amended (attached)
Anticipated location is north-east corner of intersection of Mohawk Road and Upper Paradise Road
(Williamson/Noordyk) APPROVED

4.7. Maple Leaf Forever (Bob Williamson)
Approval of the Maple Leaf Forever proposals (see attached)
4.7.1. Be it resolved that HHB make a presentation to E&CS that the City adopt the enclosed special arrangement of the “Maple Leaf Forever” to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812, this arrangement to be performed at all City heritage and celebration events.
(Williamson/Hamilton) APPROVED AS AMENDED

4.7.2. Be it resolved that the above motion be referred to the HHB Communication & Education Sub-committee for preparation of a presentation to E&CS
(Hamilton/McKee) APPROVED

4.7.3. Be it resolved that Ian Kerr-Wilson will invite the Senior Project Manager, Special Events to participate in the promotion of the 1812 arrangement of the “Maple Leaf Forever” on radio, television, all media, the Hamilton International Tattoo, as well by bicentennial committees, and local heritage organizations
(Williamson/Hamilton) APPROVED

4.7.4. Be it resolved that all other attached proposals be received for information.
(Williamson/Saunders) APPROVED
5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1. Committee Reports (2 minutes each)

5.1.1. Communications & Education Sub-committee – Bill Manson
- Ward Fact sheets & historiCITY were presented to the public secondary school librarians in June

5.1.1.1. Editorial Team – Christine Lei
- Current draft at Stirling
- Header to be altered from ‘newsletter’ to ‘publication’, and all references to ‘historiCITY’ refer to it as a ‘publication’
- Branding required for various sections of historiCITY

5.1.2. Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee – Bob Williamson
- Template for future commemorative plaques has been determined

5.1.3. Heritage Events Sub-Committee – Pat Saunders
- No further report

5.1.4. Student Recognition Awards Sub-Committee – Carolyn McCann
- Letters distributed to school boards promoting award
- Preparing materials for upcoming awards

5.1.5. Maple Leaf Forever Ad-hoc Committee – Bob Williamson
- No Further Report (see 4.7)

That the reports of Item 5.1 be received.

(Noordyk/Eker) APPROVED

5.2. Questions Arising from Other Reports/Projects (2 minutes each)

5.2.1. Municipal Heritage Committee – Kathy Wakeman
- No Report

5.2.2. Gore Master Plan – Bill Manson
- No Report

5.2.3. Mel Bailey Award – Rob Hamilton
- No Report

5.2.4. Museum’s & Heritage Presentation Report – Ian Kerr-Wilson
- No Report; Question regarding Post Event Forms: what is the purpose and why do they exist? Answer: PEF helps to determine the quality and feasibility of special events

5.3. HHB Budget/Work Plan

5.3.1. 2009 Budget Review – Bill Manson/Ian Kerr-Wilson

5.3.2. 2009 Work Plan Review – Bill Manson

5.3.3. 2010 Work Plan Development – Bill Manson

5.3.4. 2010 Budget Development – Bill Manson/Ian Kerr-Wilson

Reminder of upcoming Work Plan & Budget meeting on July 21; Board & Sub-committee Chairs/Vice-Chairs are requested to attend, all other Board members are welcome; please contact Bill re: Attendance

5.4. Other HHB Business

5.4.1. Grounds Use Requests - None

5.4.2. Volunteer Opportunities - None

5.5. Motion to Extend Meeting

(Hamilton/McKee) CARRIED

5.6. Questions Arising from Museum Reports (2 minutes each)
5.6.1. Battlefield House Museum & Park – Michael Sangermano
No Report

5.6.2. Hamilton Children’s Museum – Carolyn McCann
Attendance remains very high

5.6.3. Dundurn National Historic Site – Pat Saunders
Collaborative event between City & Food Share has been great success

5.6.4. Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum – Christine Lei
Music at Fieldcote program has been a great success

5.6.5. Griffin House – Robin McKee
Open for August Civic Holiday & Labour Day Holiday

5.6.6. Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology – Rob Hamilton
No Report

5.6.7. Whitehern Historic House & Garden – Mary Anderson
Task of determining McQuesten vs. non-McQuesten items is underway

5.6.8. Programme Committee – Bill Manson
Meeting July 20
That the reports of Item 5.5 be received.
(Wakeman/Saunders) CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1. Conservation – Rob Hamilton
Rob to meet with Ian to discuss a revised reporting format that targets both programming and conservation items equally

6.2. Museum Displays - Liaisons
Materials to be made available at the sites for liaisons at specific sites
Liaisons unable to implement the material are to contact the Curator

7. Adjournment: 2:45pm
Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 12:30pm – 2:30pm
City Centre – Suite 305 Board Room
# OUTSTANDING BUSINESS
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For a number of reasons, I would like us to agree to cancel the August HHB Meeting and re-schedule the September Meeting as well as certain sub-committee meetings. These revisions in the HHB schedule would allow the Board some well-deserved sunshine time off from the many exciting projects that the working committees and leads are undertaking.

The weight of business here in July would not be significantly reduced by such revisions. This July Agenda is very heavy, and I would urge all those reporting to be as brief as possible under the established timelines, I would urge speakers and those raising questions also to be brief, and I would urge all of us to stick to the topics at-hand and not digress. For my part, in order to allow all reports and all resolutions to be dealt with, I will be strictly enforcing both the rules of order and the Agenda timelines.
RYMAL FAMILY HERITAGE

William Rymal (1759-1852), his wife Barbara and his younger brother along with their family members obtained, through crown grants and purchases, 800 acres of land on either side of Upper Paradise Road from the escarpment to Rymal Road. Arriving as United Empire Loyalists of German descent from Pennsylvania, they were amongst the first settlers on Hamilton Mountain. William’s homestead was built in 1789 on the north side of Mohawk Road to the west of what is now Westcliffe Mall. St. Peter’s Cemetery to the east of the mall began as the Rymal family burial ground where they built the first church on the mountain (1811–1844). It was a two-storey, wooden, universal meeting house called the Union Church.

William’s son, Jacob (1790-1858), married Christine Horning and became the Wentworth County representative in the Upper Canada Legislative Assembly. His large wooden frame home once stood behind St. Thomas More High School on Upper Paradise Road. A reformer, Jacob was known to have sheltered a rebel associate, William Lyon Mackenzie, providing him with a fresh horse as he fled from military authorities during the Rebellion of 1837, part of the struggle for Responsible Government in Canada.

Jacob’s son, Joseph (1821-1900), was the longest serving Liberal Member of Parliament for the federal riding of South Wentworth (1857-1882). He participated in the Canadian Confederation debates. Well-known for his integrity and lucid debating skills with a penchant for barn-door humour, he was called “Honest Joe”. He married Lydia Terryberry and, although their farm on the site of William Rymal’s original homestead was sold to the Sanatorium, their house still stands at # 700 Mohawk Road West.

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Prepared by Robert Williamson, Chairman, JPSC for Joseph Rymal Woolley.

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6. Hamilton Genealogy Society, Rymal Family Tree 6
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8. Mountain Memories, A Picture History, pp. 29, 132
9. Wentworth County Illustrated Historical Atlas 1875, p. 11
10. Wentworth Landmarks p. 57
WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL
Proposal to the HHB
July 14 2009

It is recommended that:

1. The HHB make a proposal to the E&CS Committee that they adopt a special 1812 arrangement of the Maple Leaf Forever to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. This arrangement to be performed at all city-heritage and celebration events. It might be wise to approach Councillor Russ Powers first and other heritage-minded Councilors like Bob Bratina.
   (Williamson/Hamilton) CARRIED
   AS AMENDED
   Refer to Communications & Education Sub-committee for completion of the presentation
   (Hamilton/McKee) CARRIED

2. The new Major Events Coordinator (Senior Project Manager, Major Events) be inviting (by Manager, Museums & Heritage Presentation) to assist in the promotion of the revised 1812 arrangement of the song on radio, television, all media and the Hamilton International Tattoo as well as Bicentennial Committees and local heritage organizations.
   (Williamson/Hamilton) CARRIED
   AS AMENDED

3. The Kaleidoscope Singers who own their own four-part harmony of the song be asked (Bob Williamson) to record a CD for general demonstration and use.
   For Informational Purposes Only

4. With the support of City Council, the Board of Education be asked to incorporate the song into their music program at all levels.
   TABLED until the support of City Council is determined

5. The Mayor recommend to the Premier of the Province and the Minister of Culture, that the special 1814 version of the Maple Leaf Forever be given broad distribution.
   TABLED until the support of City Council is determined

6. The HHB contact local MPPs and ask for their support in promoting this 1812 version of the Maple Leaf forever. (Letter from Chair, on behalf of the Board, seeking support)
   TABLED until the support of City Council is determined

Robert Williamson