Present: A. French (Chair)
A. Denham-Robinson (Vice 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

Also Present: B. Khes, Acting Manager Community Planning and Design
J. Muller, Cultural Heritage Planner
M. House, Cultural Heritage Planner
M. Keast, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner
I. Bedioui, City Clerk’s Office

Chair French welcomed Brenda Khes who is the new Acting Manager of Community Planning and Design and invited her to introduce herself to Committee.

The Chair also acknowledged that this is the last meeting for co-op student Mackenzie Keast who is returning to school.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised there is an added Item 8.3 respecting storage of the City Hall Marble for a commemorative plaque and Michael Adkins has provided background information with respect to the East End Reservoir (Item 5.4). Copies have been distributed.

(Kirk/Thorp-Neufeld)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

George Zajac declared an interest with respect to Item 5.2 as he is acquainted with the current owner of the property.
3. DELEGATION REQUESTS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (Item 3)

None

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

(Bratina/Wakeman)
That the Minutes of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting dated March 26, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Item 5)

(a) Councillor Pearson’s Motion respecting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM’s) resolution to the Federal Government requesting tax incentives for owners of heritage properties. (M. Pearson) (Deferred from the March 26, 2009 meeting.) (Item 5.1)

(Pearson/Wakeman)
WHEREAS according to the Heritage Canada Foundation, Canada has lost more than 20% of its pre-1920 heritage buildings to demolition over the past 30 years;

AND WHEREAS the Heritage Canada Foundation has stated that urgent action is needed to stop the demolition of Canadian Landmarks, to restore and re-use them, and to acknowledge their value as a reminder of our origins and cultures;

AND WHEREAS heritage buildings are also a valuable economic development resource, supporting re-urbanization initiatives and tourism, stimulating adjacent development, increasing property values, as well as providing environmental benefits by way of reducing landfill, preserving natural resources and promoting sustainability;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no federal financial incentives to encourage private sector investment in the rehabilitation of heritage properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

(a) That the Council of the City of Hamilton endorses the resolutions by the Heritage Canada Foundation and the
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and requests the Federal Ministers of Finance and the Environment to establish tax incentives which would encourage private sector investment in the rehabilitation of heritage properties;

(b) That this motion be forwarded to local Members of the Legislative Assembly, local members of Parliament, and area municipalities for their support;

(c) That the Association of Ontario Municipalities be requested to support the work of the Heritage Canada Foundation and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities by endorsing this resolution at its Annual Convention.

CARRIED

(b) Background information respecting the Commemorative Plaque for 137 Catharine Street North, Home of Lester B. Pearson – (S. Wray) (Deferred from the March 26, 2009 meeting.) (Item 5.2)

Sylvia Wray noted that Lester B. Pearson had lived in the house only briefly and suggested that rather than pursuing designation, which would take a very long time, the Plaquing Sub-Committee be requested to consider a small commemorative plaque to be mounted on the house recognizing that Lester B. Pearson had lived there.

Councillor McHattie confirmed that Pearson’s granddaughter lives in Dundas and she has expressed interest.

Staff advised that this building has not been on the City’s radar for designation.

A discussion followed with respect to the appropriate action to be taken. Councillor Bratina offered to speak to the Beasley Neighbourhood Association to see if they are interested in this and they may be willing to approach the home owner.

(c) Ontario Heritage Conference, May 29 to May 31, 2009, Peterborough, Ontario, Sponsored by ACO and CHO. (Deferred from the March 26, 2009 meeting.) (Item 5.3)

No one volunteered to attend this conference.
(d) **East End (Barton) Reservoir – background information (M. Adkins – no copy) (Item 5.4)**

Michael Adkins referred to the information which he provided and indicated that his intention is to stress the historical significance of the reservoir which the City had originally constructed to fight fires. He advised that he contacted Mac Swackhammer, Curator of the Museum of Steam and Technology and learned that staff have contacted the Federal Government with respect to including the reservoir in the National Historic Site of Canada status of the Hamilton Waterworks (Hamilton Museum of Steam Technology). Mac Swackhammer requested that he be updated on any progress made by the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.

It was noted that at the February meeting, staff were requested to prepare a cultural assessment of the East End Reservoir to determine whether the property is worthy of designation.

(e) **Heritage Workshop – Do-it-yourself restoration of old homes (A. French and A. Denham-Robinson) (Item 5.5)**

Art French advised that he has spoken with Sylvia Wray regarding the feasibility of holding the workshop and a mini bookshop in November. The $2,000 cost for a five hour session is a concern.

Kathy Wakeman and Frances Thorp-Neufeld were supportive of the idea as, in their opinion, it would be beneficial and they are sure that there would be a good turn out which would completely cover the cost of the workshop.

Art French advised that the Communication and Education Sub-Committee is looking into this and Sue Stewart-Greene and Kathy Wakeman offered to participate in the discussions as they may have some suggestions to offer.

6. **HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 6)**

(a) **Delegated Approvals (Item 6.1):**

(i) Heritage Permit Application (alterations), 115 Mill Street North, Waterdown – Mill Street Heritage Conservation District (Ward 15) (Item 6.1.1)
(ii) Heritage Permit Application (Replacement of Windows on the Miller’s House), 548 Old Dundas Road, Ancaster, Ancaster Old Mill, By-law No. 90-1 (Ward 1) (Item 6.1.2)

(iii) Heritage Permit Application (alterations), 142 Main Street North, Waterdown – Mill Street Heritage Conservation District (Ward 15) (Item 6.1.3)

(iv) Heritage Permit Application (replacement of windows), 315 Dundas Street East, Waterdown – Drummond House, By-law No. 87-150 (Ward 15) (Item 6.1.4)

(Adkins/Kirk)
That Items 6(a)(i) to (iv) be received.

CARRIED

(b) Staff Reports/Recommendations (Item 6.2):
None

7. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS (Item 7)
None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)
(a) Heritage Conservation Districts and the Port Dalhousie OMB Decision – invitation from Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) and the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) to attend a forum on the implications of the OMB decision (Item 8.1)

There were no volunteers to attend the forum.

(McHattie/Thorpe-Neufeld)
That staff prepare a report on the implications of this OMB decision.

CARRIED

George Zajac submitted a copy of the OMB decision to staff.
b) Communication and Education Sub-Committee Minutes of April 9, 2009 (Item 8.2)

As Alissa Denham-Robinson was not in attendance, the Chair briefly presented the Minutes highlighting the suggestion from Robin McKee for heritage bookmarks. The Chair is currently looking into the printing costs.

(Bratina/Adkins)
That the Minutes of the Communication and Education Sub-Committee Minutes of April 9, 2009 be received for information.
CARRIED

(c) Storage of City Hall Marble for Commemorative Plaque (Added Item 8.3)

The Chair noted that on April 1, 2009, Council approved the Committee’s request that two (2) slabs of City Hall marble be saved to be used to make a commemorative plaque. He also noted that staff of the Culture Division, who also obtained some marble slabs, has offered to store the marble on behalf of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.

A discussion followed regarding where the slabs will be stored and how to identify two pieces, which are in good condition, for the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.

(Kirk/Wray)
That Heritage staff be requested to contact staff of the Culture Division to make arrangements for the storage of the two (2) slabs of City Hall marble which were preserved for the purpose of being made into a commemorative plaque and that the slabs be identified (tagged) as belonging to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.
CARRIED

9. Buildings and Landscapes

(a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

(i) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie

Councillor Bratina indicated that he is concerned with a suggestion (that he had previously heard) that Treble Hall be
used for the storage of the Clerk’s records, as records are heavy and the building may require substantial reinforcement. However, he does not know the status of this suggestion.

(ii) **Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie**

Councillor McHattie advised that the building is well secured and the work has been advancing well.

Meghan House added that a heritage permit application has been received for the exterior facades of the building and briefly outlined what the application covers.

(iii) **Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – G. Zajac**

No updates.

(iv) **Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins**

Michael Adkins advised that he has no updates but enquired if the Gate House has been sold. Staff were asked to verify this.

(v) **St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – S. Stewart-Greene**

There was a brief discussion respecting a verbal proposal from a demolition contractor to demolish the Sunday school, free of charge. The Committee noted that the requirements of the City’s tender process and other factors would not make this proposal feasible.

(vi) **Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie**

Councillor McHattie noted that the consultant’s report outlining what work is required to stabilize the building has been completed and the Hamilton Ballet Youth Ensemble can now apply for grants to complete the work.

(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**

The Committee briefly discussed who owns the building and what the future plans may be.

(ix) **Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – A. Charlton**

No updates

(x) **46 - 52 James Street North (D) – S. Stewart-Greene**

No updates

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

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

Michael Adkins advised that the building is secured, there has been no increase in graffiti, the parking lot has not been used and it is rumoured that hotel suites are in the process of being constructed.

(ii) **Desjardins Canal, Dundas, Hamilton – F. Thorp-Neufeld**

No updates

(iii) **Dundas Post Office, Dundas (L) – F. Thorp-Neufeld**

Frances Thorp-Neufeld indicated that the post office will be put up for sale this year.

(iv) **Old Lyric Theatre, 14 Mary Street, Hamilton (D) – R. Simpson**

Councillor Bratina advised that the owner has made the requisite deposits for a building permit and therefore the project should be commencing soon.
(v)  795 Old Highway 8, the former Rockton Hotel Livery Stable
     (L) – S. Wray
     Sylvia Wray noted that the Real Estate Division has not as yet put the building up for sale.

(vi) East End (Barton) Reservoir

     Michael Adkins advised that remains of the home where the Reservoir groundskeeper used to live may still be on site.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

     (a) Heritage Permits Granted 1st quarter 2009 (J. Muller) (Item 10.1)

         (Adkins/Thorp-Neufeld)
         That Item 10(a) be received for information.

             CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

     (Wakeman/Charlton)
     There being no further business, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

             CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Art French, Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

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Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
April 23, 2009