Gore Park Pedestrianization and Promenade
Presentation to General Issues Committee
February 6, 2013
DOWNTOWN HAMILTON BIA
485 BUSINESSES
179 PROPERTY OWNERS
11 BOARD MEMBERS
Located between MacNab and Mary, and from Hunter to York.
Our vision is
THAT DOWNTOWN HAMILTON BE A SAFE, ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO WORK, LIVE, SHOP, PLAY AND LEARN WHICH FOSTERS A WELCOMING, PROSPEROUS, DIVERSE AND ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY AND THE DESTINATION FOR ESSENTIAL, CREATIVE AND ENERGETIC BUSINESSES
Peter Kageyama, author of
FOR THE LOVE OF CITIES

“Creating places worth caring about makes for strong communities”
PLACEMAKING EXAMPLES

NEW YORK CITY'S TIME SQUARE
SAN FRANCISCO'S FERRY BUILDING
Public places attract people which
* lures retail opportunities
• Produces desirable neighbourhoods
• Incorporates local history
• Attracts more artists/tourists
• Sense of belonging
Gore Park Pedestrianization Pilot Project on South Leg of King Street 2012
*changes to road allowance
*decorative planter boxes
*signage
The Downtown Hamilton BIA created the Gore Park Summer Promenade last year with outdoor patios, buskers, musicians, street vendors, local artisans, etc.
*Food trucks attracted more people
* Area stores and restaurants saw increased traffic
The Residences of Royal Connaught plan 700 units by 2015

Hamilton Board of Education Property for McMaster Health Campus

Vrancor Developments $125 million plan in 4 buildings to include 600 condo units and 2 hotels
Acclimation Lofts with a 7 storey 110 units on James South

Hamilton Grand Hotel & Suites at corner of John South and Main Streets

City Square with 148 condos in 3 buildings in the Durand Neighbourhood
1. Exempt BIA from Special Event Park Rental Fees

2. Fund our full request for a Community Partnership grant of $13,500

3. Examine the elements of Gore Master Plan

4. Examine and support more placemaking elements and events