1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added correspondence from the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society requesting designation of the Auchmar Gatekeeper’s Lodge which is related to Item 8.3 and is added as Item 8.3(a).

(ii) Added information provided by Kathy Wakeman respecting Item 8.4. Copies were e-mail yesterday and paper copies were distributed today.

(iii) Added correspondence from the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust respecting the 2009 Recognition programs which will be discussion Item 8.5. Copies were e-mailed yesterday and paper copies have been distributed today.
(iv) Copies of information Item 10.1 respecting the *University of Waterloo-Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Heritage Conservation District Initiative* have been distributed.

(v) Added Information Item 10.2 respecting upcoming Church Tours in Flamborough. Copies have been distributed today.

(Adkins/Pearson)
That the agenda be approved as amended.  
CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
George Zajac declared an interest with respect to Item 5.1 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)

(Thorp-Neufeld/Adkins)
(a) That Subsection (b)(i) of Section 9 of the Minutes of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting dated April 23, 2009 be amended by inserting the words “it is rumoured that” after the word “and” to read as follows:

“(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* the hotel suites are in the process of being constructed.

(b) That the Minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Item 5)

(a) 137 Catharine Street North, Home of Lester B. Pearson – input from the Beasley Neighbourhood Association – (Councillor Bratina – verbal - no copy). (Item 5.1)

Councillor Bratina reported that he has not heard back from the Beasley Neighbourhood Association with respect to this issue.

(Pearson/Charlton)
That the verbal update respecting Item 5.1 regarding 137 Catharine Street North be received and the Item be placed on the Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(b) Heritage Workshop – Do-it-yourself restoration of old homes (A. French and A. Denham-Robinson -no copy) (Item 5.2)

Chair French indicated that this matter is still a work in progress.

(Pearson/Thorp-Neufeld)
That the verbal update from the Chair respecting the proposed Do-it-yourself restoration Heritage Workshop be received and the Item be placed on the Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(c) Staff memo respecting the implications of the recent OMB decision regarding development in Port Dalhousie (D. Cuming) (Item 5.3)

David Cuming provided an overview of the memo and responded to questions posed by the Committee members.

A brief discussion followed.

(Pearson/Kirk)
That the staff memo respecting the implications of the recent OMB decision regarding development in Port Dalhousie be received for information.

CARRIED
(d) Staff to confirm whether the Auchmar Gate House has been sold (M. House – no copy). (Item 5.4)

Meghan House advised Committee that the Auchmar Gate House has changed ownership and confirmed that this is a listed property and not a designated property and will therefore not receive the standard information sent to new owners of designated properties.

(Pearson/Wakeman)
That the verbal update provided by Meghan House respecting the ownership of the Auchmar Gate House be received.  
CARRIED

(e) Copy of the Mayor’s letter to the Federal Ministers of Finance and Environment respecting Federal Financial Tax Incentives for Owners of Heritage Properties (For information) (Item 5.5)

The Chair noted that this Item was included on the agenda for information.

(Pearson/Thorp-Neufeld)
That the copy of the Mayor’s letter to the Federal Ministers of Finance and Environment respecting Federal Financial Tax Incentives for Owners of Heritage Properties be received for information.  
CARRIED

6. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 6)

(a) Delegated Approvals (Item 6.1):

(i) Heritage Permit Application (Replacement of roof cladding and flashings), 35 Melville Street, Dundas – Cross-Melville HCD (Ward 13) (Item 6.1.1)

(ii) Heritage Permit Application (Window replacements), 193 Delaware Avenue, Hamilton, St. Clair Avenue HCD (Ward 3) (Item 6.1.2)

(iii) Heritage Permit Application (Removal and replacement of garage), 335 Lima Court, Ancaster – Harmony Hall, By-law No. 03-047 (Ward 12) (Item 6.1.3)
(iv) Heritage Permit Application (Removal of rear additions and removal of metal siding and finishes on front façade of the William Thomas Building), 46-52 James Street North, Hamilton – William Thomas Building, By-law No. 82-215 (Ward 2) (Item 6.1.4)

(v) Heritage Permit Application (Awning Sign), 398 Wilson Street East, Ancaster (Ward 12) (Item 6.1.5)

(Pearson/Charlton)
That Items 6(a)(i) to (v) be received. CARRIED

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

7. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS (Item 7)
None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)
(a) Policy Sub-Committee mandate – reconsideration to revert back to original wording (G. Zajac). (Item 8.1)

George Zajac advised that the Policy Sub-Committee met on April 28, 2009 and after considering its current mandate decided that it would be more appropriate to revert back to its original mandate.

(Charlton/Denham-Robinson)
That Item 8(b) of the June 28, 2007 Minutes of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (formerly known as the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Sub-Committee), which reads as follows, be reconsidered:

“That the current mandate of the Policy and Design Subcommittee be revised to read:

to advise Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Sub-Committee) on policy related to the implementation of its mandate as outlined in
Section 6 of the City of Hamilton By-Law No 06-338, and on policy related to the implementation of its Mission statement.”

CARRIED

The Committee requested that the word “retained” be deleted from the amending motion which was included in the agenda and approved the amendment as follows:

(Zajac/Adkins)
That Item 8(b) of the June 28, 2007 Minutes of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (formerly known as the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Sub-Committee) be deleted and replaced as follows:

“That the original wording of the mandate of the Policy and Design Subcommittee be as follows:

Mandate of the Policy and Design Subcommittee

• to advise on the conservation of cultural heritage under The Planning Act, The Environmental Assessment Act, and The Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act;
• to advise on site planning and design matters involving cultural heritage either as individual built heritage features, cultural heritage landscapes, or archaeological sites;
• to advise on heritage impact statements and mitigation measures;
• advise on policy planning and design guidance strategies for conserving cultural heritage either as individual built heritage features, cultural heritage landscapes, or archaeological sites.”

CARRIED

(b) Letter from the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Citizen and Immigration respecting Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (Item 8.2)

(Wakeman/Pearson)
That Sue Ramsay, Curator of Battlefield House Museum be nominated for the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.

CARRIED
(c) Request to add 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (“Claremont Lodge” or Auchmar Gatehouse) to the Municipal Registry of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. (M. House) (Item 8.3)

Meghan House provided an overview of the memo from staff and responded to questions posed by the Committee members. Based on the advice provided by staff, Committee approved the following:

(McHattie/Adkins)
 Whereas non-designated heritage property may be included in the Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee as advisor to Council on such matters believes that 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (Claremont Lodge or Auchmar Gatehouse) is of cultural heritage value or interest and should be included in the Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest according to the provisions of the Act.

CARRIED

After some discussion, the following direction was given to staff:

(McHattie/Thorp-Neufeld)
 That staff be directed to contact the new owner of 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (“Claremont Lodge” or Auchmar Gatehouse) and make inquiries as to his/her plans for the property.

CARRIED

(i) Correspondence from the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society requesting designation of the Auchmar Gatekeeper’s Lodge (Added Item 8.3(a))

Meghan House explained that this request for designation will be presented to the Economic Development and Planning Committee with a staff report as per the City’s current designation process.

(Adkins/Kirk)
 That the correspondence from the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society requesting designation of the Auchmar Gatekeeper’s Lodge be received.

CARRIED
(d) Request to designate Ptolemy House, 636 Tapleytown Road (at Ridge Road), Stoney Creek (K. Wakeman – no copy) (Item 8.4)

Kathy Wakeman addressed Committee and circulated a copy of the Cultural Heritage Assessment of the property which included photos and maps. She provided some background information and requested that some preliminary work be done in an effort to try and save this house.

Staff advised that the owner of the property has been granted a development permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission on condition the (original farm) house be demolished. The owner has indicated he is agreeable to having the building relocated and may possibly pay for the move.

It was noted that this property is listed but not designated. A discussion followed on the pros and cons of requesting designation, the fact that the Niagara Escarpment Commission is the approving authority and the feasibility of moving the house to the Erland Lee Museum property where it could be viewed by the public.

After some debate, the Committee directed that a solution be pursued by contacting the owner and the heritage consultant.

(Wakeman/Thorp-Neufeld)
That staff and Kathy Wakeman, as a member of the Stoney Creek Historical Society, be directed to meet with the heritage consultant and property owner of 636 Tapleytown Road to discuss options of saving the Ptolemy House and report back to Committee.  

CARRIED

(e) Correspondence from the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust respecting the 2009 Recognition programs (Added Item 8.5)

Frances Thorp-Neufeld nominated Clare Crozier for the Recognition programs and indicated that she would provide his biography to the Clerk to be circulated to the Committee.

(Thorp-Neufeld/McHattie)
That Clare Crozier be nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award

CARRIED
(Pearson/Wakeman)
That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee support the nomination of the City of Hamilton for the Community Leadership Program Award.

CARRIED

9. Buildings and Landscapes
   (a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

   (i) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie
       No updates

   (ii) Lister Block, 28-44 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie
        Councillor McHattie indicated that the work is progressing well.

   (iii) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – G. Zajac
         No updates

   (iv) Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins
        Councillor Bratina indicated that he was in contact with the new owner of the Gate House which was purchased last July. The roof has been leaking and there is substantial water damage on the inside. At this point, the owner has not decided what he will do with the building. The Councillor indicated that he will provide the owner’s contact information.

   (v) St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – S. Stewart-Greene
       No updates

   (vi) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie
        Councillor McHattie indicated that he believes that the Hamilton Ballet Ensemble has tendered for bids for the work that is required and is currently waiting for responses.
(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**
No updates

(ix) **Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – A. Charlton**
No updates

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

The Committee noted that some demolition has been undertaken at the rear of the building but efforts are being made to save the façade. Staff noted that the façade cannot be restored because the architectural features were removed when the steel cladding was installed, however, there’s value in retaining the structure as part of the streetscape.

The Committee debated whether the building is in danger as there is a slight bowing in the front of the building. Staff noted that the heritage architect, Julian Smith is involved with the project and has been proactively monitoring the adjacent demolition for adverse impacts to the building.

**(McHattie/Thorp-Neufeld)**
That the owners of 46 - 52 James Street North be invited to a meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee to provide comments with respect to their plans for the building.

**CARRIED**

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

(i) **Federal Building, 150 Main Street West (L) – M. Adkins**
No updates.

(ii) **Desjardins Canal, Dundas, Hamilton – F. Thorp-Neufeld**
No updates.
(iii) Dundas Post Office, Dundas (L) – F. Thorp-Neufeld

No updates.

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

Richard Simpson advised that he read in the local newspaper that buildings permits have been issued. He drove by the building and indicated that it looks secure although a number of top windows have been broken.

(v) 795 Old Highway 8, the former Rockton Hotel Livery Stable (L) – S. Wray

Art French advised that as Sylvia Wray was unable to attend today’s meeting, she provided him with her comments respecting this property. Chair French indicated that the Stone Barn has been advertised for sale by the City’s Real Estate Division on the City’s website.

(vi) East End (Barton) Reservoir - (M. Adkins)

Michael Adkins advised that he has no updates other than to mention that the Curator of the Museum of Steam and Technology is aware that the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee is supportive of his efforts to have the reservoir included in the National Historic Site of Canada status of the Hamilton Waterworks (Hamilton Museum of Steam Technology).

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) E-mail from Waterloo Study (Item 10.1)

The Chair indicated that anyone who lives in a Heritage Conservation District and is interested in the University of Waterloo initiative can contact the organizers directly.
Frances Thorp-Neufeld indicated that she has reservations about the study. She was interviewed as the representative for the Cross-Melville District and she did not receive a pre-warning of the study nor did she receive answers to her questions.

(b) Upcoming Church Tours in Flamborough (Added Item 10.2)

Chair French advised that three churches located in Flamborough will be offering tours on Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The churches are Grace Anglican Church, Knox Presbyterian Church and St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church.

Also, the Flamborough Archives will have pictorial displays about the railway in East Flamborough and the story of the village’s two landmarks, the American Hotel and the Royal Coachman.

A hand-out with more details was distributed.

(c) Other News

(i) Kathy Wakeman advised of the following:

- the James Elliott book launch will take place tomorrow night at Dundurn Castle and the Stoney Creek Historical Society will be selling his book the weekend of the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek where he will be present to sign the copies;
- The owner of the Billy Green property has paid the tax arrears on the property;
- Mary Place, who was a member of the Stoney Creek Historical Society has passed away.

(ii) Central Public School

Richard Simpson noted that Central Public School is beautifully maintained by the area families and enquired whether the Committee could send a letter of acknowledgement and appreciation.

The Chair suggested that the Education and Communication Sub-Committee could recognize their efforts with a Heritage Award.
The Committee also noted that the Property could be recognized through the Beautification Awards which are administered through the City’s Parks Division.

11. ADJOURNMENT
   (Pearson/Adkins)
   There being no further business, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

   CARRIED

   Respectfully submitted,

   Art French, Chair
   Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

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May 28, 2009