The meeting was called to order.

A. Election of Chair for 2008

(Charlton/Wray)

That Art French be elected Chair of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) for 2008

CARRIED
B. Election of Vice-Chair for 2008  
(Adkins/Wray)  
That Alissa Denham-Robinson be elected Vice Chair of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) for 2008  
CARRIED

Welcome

The Chair welcomed Tyler Bradt who is the new Assistant Heritage Planner and invited him to address Committee.

The Chair also welcomed Paul Mallard, newly appointed Planning Director who attended the meeting to observe the proceedings.

The Chair also recognized the contributions of the previous Chair, Anne Charlton and Sylvia Wray presented her with flowers.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(a) Added delegation request from Grant Head with respect to the demolition permit on the Lister Block which is Item 5.4 on the agenda. A copy of his submission was distributed

(b) Copies of Appendices to Item 9.7, the Communications Review Sub-Committee (Ad-hoc) Report were distributed.

(c) As legal staff is in attendance and have another meeting, there is a change in the order – Item 5.4 will be considered immediately following Item 4. Also, because of the heavy agenda and in consideration of the public and staff in attendance, Item 6 respecting Buildings and Landscapes will be considered at the end of the meeting after Item 10.

(Wakeman/Dent)  
That the agenda be approved, as amended.  
CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Manson/Adkins)  
That the delegation request from Grant Head to address Committee today be approved.  
CARRIED
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Manson/Adkins)
That the Minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) be approved. CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Item 5)
(a) The Demolition Permit issued on the Lister Block

(i) Delegation request from Grant Head with respect to the demolition permit issued on the Lister Block (Added Item 5.4 (b))

Grant Head addressed Committee and indicated that although, at the last LACAC meeting, Tim McCabe, the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, had communicated to the Committee via an e-mail that there were no updates with respect to the Lister Block, the Committee of the Whole Minutes indicate that the demolition permit has since been discussed.

Grant Head referred to his submission which had been e-mailed to the Committee and copies were distributed at the meeting. He provided an overview of his comments.

Don Fisher, Assistant City Solicitor, responded to Grant Head’s questions as follows:

Can the demolition permit issued on the Lister Block be rescinded?

*There are no provisions to rescind the Heritage Permit for demolition that the City issued on the Lister Block.*

Is the Permit still valid?

*Yes and no. Originally, the permit was attached with a condition stipulating that the consent will be effective 60 days after issuance but Council amended the condition stipulating that the permit will be effective one day after Council makes a final decision on a new heritage permit application.*

The Committee considered the balance of Grant Head’s submission as outlined below:
(Wray/Kirk)
That the proposal from Grant Head to request that the City appoint a qualified, highly-experienced heritage conservation architect and experienced cost consultant be TABLED.

This motion LOST.

(Manson/Adkins)
(a) That Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advises the City to use the funds granted by the Ministry of Culture in April 2007 for what they were intended which is to appoint a qualified, highly-experienced Heritage Conservation architect and a similarly experienced cost consultant to safeguard the stewardship of the Lister Block implied by its designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

CARRIED

(Adkins/Thorp-Neufeld)
(a) That Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advises Council to make a clear and public commitment to the design guidelines in the Heritage Report by Julian Smith & Associates, Architects and Clinton Brown Company Architecture, dated September 23, 2006 which recognized the Provincial Significance of the interior mall and of the James and King William facades of the building;

(b) That Council ensure that the development of the Lister Block proceed according to the project management plan provided by the said Heritage Report, Items 5.16 to 5.20 in order that effective cost control is implemented;

CARRIED

(Denham-Robinson/Dent)
That representatives from Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) make a delegation to the Economic Development and Planning Committee to request that Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of designating the buildings adjacent to the Lister Block located at 15-21 King William Street and 45-53 James Street North.

CARRIED
(ii) **Update on the status of the demolition permit issued on the Lister Block (D. Cuming – no copy) (Item 5.4)**

David Cuming addressed Committee and responded to questions. In response to Grant Head’s enquiry about who at the City is responsible for the “Lister Project” Mr. Cuming indicated that in his opinion, the Lister Block Project is driven by the owner, LIUNA and heritage staff’s role is to respond to any requested heritage permits.

(b) **Request for input respecting the memo from Al Fletcher concerning the rezoning of St. Mark’s Church (A. Fletcher – no copy) (Item 5.1)**

Al Fletcher was in attendance to receive the comments of the Committee with respect to the proposed rezoning of St. Mark’s Church. He confirmed that currently no Request for Proposals (RFP) has been issued.

A discussion followed.

(Adkins/Dent)

That Sarah Matthews, President of the Durand Neighbourhood Association be permitted to address Committee with respect to the St. Mark’s issue.

CARRIED

Sarah Matthews advised that the position of the Durand Neighbourhood Association is that it supports the adaptive re-use of St. Mark’s and the preservation of the green space, however, it doesn’t support the proposed rezoning as the building will be jeopardized and the parkland would be lost.

Sarah Matthews submitted a copy of her verbal presentation for the Clerk’s record.

Al Fletcher advised that if the parkland is lost the funds would be repaid to the parkland dedication fund and would be available for use by the entire City.

The Committee’s comments included but were not limited to the following:

Diane Dent provided some background information with respect to St. Mark’s Church and advised that the City has not issued an RFP for the property for the past 10 years.
Michael Kirk requested that staff assess the historic value of the building carefully.

Frances Thorp-Neufeld respects that a rezoning would provide a broader platform for real estate options but asked that staff retain a sensitivity to the parkland issue.

Anne Charlton advised that she supports the rezoning as it will help preserve the building.

Councillor Bratina also supports the rezoning in order to protect the building.

(Manson/Charlton)
That the Memo dated December 10, 2007 from Al Fletcher, Manager of Zoning By-law Reform respecting Proposed Draft Rezoning: St. Mark’s Church, 130 Bay Street South, Hamilton be received.

CARRIED

(c) A copy of David Cuming’s PowerPoint presentation respecting an overview of the Planning and Economic Development Department organizational structure and staff function which he presented at the last meeting (As requested by LACAC for information). (Item 5.2)

(Manson/Wray)
That the copy of the PowerPoint presentation respecting an overview of the Planning and Economic Development Department organizational structure and staff function be received for information.

CARRIED

(d) Copy of Motion to the Economic Development and Planning Committee respecting proposal to designate the Royal Connaught Hotel (Councillor Bratina) (Item 5.3)

Councillor Bratina said that the Royal Connaught has been identified as one of the most valuable cultural buildings of the City. The building is sound and measures should be taken to prevent it from falling into disrepair. He advised that he has been in the building and the asbestos has been removed and it is ready for redevelopment. Property Standards enforcement staff have been involved to have the graffiti removed. The City should not lose the Royal Connaught as it is just as valuable as the Lister Block.
Councillor Bratina indicated that he will bring forward the motion to the Economic Development and Planning Committee.

(Manson/Charlton)
That Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) supports the motion to designate the former Royal Connaught Hotel, 112 King Street East.

This motion CARRIED unanimously on the following votes:

Yeas: Bratina, Thorp-Neufeld, Charlton, Brown, Denham-Robinson, Wray, Kirk, Manson, Adkins, Wakeman, Dent, Bratina, and French.

Total: 13
Nays: 0
Absent: McHattie, Pearson, Hartnett and S. Stewart-Greene

(e) Letter from the Ontario Heritage Trust regarding Heritage Week 2008 (Refer to Item 9.6 – The Education Sub-Committee Minutes) (Item 5.5)
The Chair noted that this will be dealt with under Item 9.6.

(f) Update on status of proposed amendments to the Property Standards By-law to protect heritage properties (Councillor McHattie – no copy) (Item 5.6)

Councillor McHattie was not in attendance. The Clerk explained that the Councillor had provided an update by e-mail indicating that Council referred the issue back to the Economic Development and Planning Committee for consideration of whether to undertake public consultation on the possible impact of those affected by the draft by-law (i.e. the owners of designation properties) and if so, how. This item will be included on the February 5, 2008 Economic Development and Planning agenda.

Diane Dent requested that this information be e-mailed to the Committee members.

(g) Update respecting meeting with Burlington LACAC – (A. Charlton – no copy) (Item 5.7)

Anne Charlton advised Committee that the first meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at dinner time (6:00 p.m.) and will take place in Burlington. She requested that the members e-mail her if they are interested in attending. (It was noted that this was a Council meeting night.)
6. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

(a) Delegated Approvals (Item 7.1):

(i) Heritage Permit Application, 41 Mill Street South, Waterdown (Mill Street Heritage Conservation District) (Ward 15) (Item 7.1.1)

(ii) Heritage Permit Application, 68 King Street East, Hamilton – Victoria Hall (Ward 2) (Item 7.1.2)

(iii) Heritage Permit Application, 60 Main Street, Dundas – Dundas Town Hall (Ward 13) (Item 7.1.3)

(b) Staff Reports/Recommendations (Item 7.2):

None

(Wakefield/Wray)
That the aforementioned items be received for information.
CARRIED

7. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS

(a) Request to Designate 341 Mountsberg Road, Flamborough Item 7.1, August 23, 2007 (Item 8.1)

Sharon Vattay provided an overview of the Report and advised that the following Planning staff were in attendance to assist Committee:

Jason Thompson, Acting Senior Project Manager, Carol Connor, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, and Laurielle Brooks, Development Planner II. Laurielle Brooks responded to questions posed by the Committee.

(Kirk/Charlton)
That due to the outstanding demolition order Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) supports the recommendation to no longer pursue designation of the property at 341 Mountsberg Road, Flamborough, and that the Committee of Adjustment and the property owner be advised accordingly.
CARRIED
(b) Request to Designate 3027 Homestead Drive, Mount Hope – Glanford Community Hall/Mount Hope Library (Item 8.2)

(Dent/Adkins)
That Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) is in support of the recommendation that staff be requested to carry out a cultural heritage assessment of 3027 Homestead Drive, Mount Hope, to determine whether the property is worthy of designation and report back to Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) through its appropriate subcommittee.

CARRIED

(c) Binbrook Memorial Hall (M. House – no copy) (Item 8.3)

Meghan House advised Committee that the cultural heritage assessment on the property has been completed and a staff report will be presented at the next meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(a) Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the City’s Heritage Inventory (D. Cuming) (Item 9.1)

David Cuming made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the report.

He responded to questions posed by the Committee. Diane Dent suggested that in the pilot study for the Downtown photographs should be included in the proposed inventory work. Councillor Bratina also requested that in the matter of the pilot study that staff should consider collection of information respecting the number of existing buildings in the City which are examples of the various architectural types.

(Charlton/Dent)
The City of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advises and recommends to Council:

(a) That the City of Hamilton continue to maintain and manage the Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Interest as the current data base respecting built heritage properties in the City;

(b) That Council directs staff to prepare a work program detailing a pilot study of inventoried properties in Downtown Hamilton in order to review and update data on these properties contained in the Inventory of Buildings of
Architectural and/or Historical Interest including field surveys, data compilation and other appropriate documentation;

(c) That Council directs staff to prepare a budget submission for the work described in Recommendation (b), to be brought forward as part of the 2009 budget deliberations;

(d) That Council directs staff and the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) to review the findings of the pilot study described in Recommendation (b) and report back to Council advising on:

(i) Appropriate nominations of non-designated heritage properties to the Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under the Ontario Heritage Act for short-term protection against demolition;

(ii) Priority properties that may be worthy of designation under the Ontario Heritage Act for long-term conservation purposes;

(iii) Public consultation procedures respecting Recommendations (d)(i) and (d)(ii); and,

(iv) Further actions, programs and initiatives necessary to update data on remaining heritage properties in the Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Interest on a City Wide basis and to establish any priorities for further registering or designating of properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

(e) That Council directs staff and the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) to continue to update the data in the City of Hamilton’s Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Interest on an ongoing basis as time and existing resources permit.

CARRIED

(b) Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Annual Report (Item 9.2)

Alissa Denham-Robinson distributed a copy of the draft report.

The Committee’s comments included but were not limited to the following:
• Where is the Smart-Turner Building indicated in the report?
• The heading “Buildings and Landscapes of Concern” should be included on Page 7.
• Since the Dynes Tavern and 225 James Street South have been demolished, should they be listed as one of the Committee’s success stories?

Alissa Denham-Robinson asked that the Committee members submit their comments and suggestions to her by e-mail.

(Denham-Robinson/Manson)
(a) That the draft annual report be approved in principle and amended as per the comments submitted by the Committee;
(b) That a limited number of copies be distributed at the Heritage Day function in February;
(c) That the completed report be presented to the Committee for approval and distribution to Council.

CARRIED

(c) 2008 Work Program (Chair/Staff - no copy) (Item 9.3)

David Cuming suggested that the Committee members prepare through the sub-committees a work program outlining the priorities for 2008.

(e) Memo from Messrs. Robert Philip, George Koblyk, Robert Fedak, and Ben Palmer respecting Campaign to Save Hamilton’s Education Centre (Refer to Item 9.6 (g)) (Item 9.5)

The Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) debated this issue and decided to support the request made in the memo.

(Charlton/Kirk)
That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advise Council that any future deliberations regarding the Hamilton Public School Board property include consideration of its heritage value.

CARRIED

(Charlton/Adkins)
That the balance of the agenda which includes the following Items be deferred until the next meeting due to lack of time:

6. BUILDINGS AND LANDSCAPES (Endangered Buildings and Landscapes/Buildings and Landscapes of Concern)
9.4 Cultural Heritage Landscapes Inventory Management Plan – project update (M. House, no copy)

9.6 Education Sub-Committee Items

9.7 Communications Review Sub-Committee (Ad-hoc) Report (B. Manson)

10.1 Letter from Gordon Birk, Chair, Heritage Dinner Committee, The Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society dated December 1, 2007 respecting the 19th Annual heritage Dinner.

10.2 Letter from Walter Peace, Ph.D., Chair, Hamilton Historical Board respecting the Board’s support of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee)’s efforts to protect Auchmar.

10.3 Update of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Handbook (S. Vattay-verbal, no copy)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art French, Chair
Hamilton LACAC
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Ida Bediouli,
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Hamilton LACAC
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January 24, 2008