HAMILTON HISTORICAL BOARD

Presentation to the City of Hamilton Emergency and Community Services Committee

October 21, 2009
Convened in 1973 as a sub-committee of the City Parks & Recreation Committee

Mandated to oversee the operation of the Dundurn National Historic Site

Membership of two reps from Parks & Recreation, twelve citizen reps, and one rep from Hamilton LACAC
HHB Today…

Supported by the Culture Division, reports to City Council through Emergency & Community Services

Advises Hamilton City Council on historical and heritage matters

Oversees Hamilton’s 7 Civic Museums

Promotes awareness and appreciation of Hamilton’s history and heritage

Consists of 15 citizen members, 1 rep from the Municipal Heritage Committee, and 1 rep from City Council
Achievements
2008-2009

1. Overseeing Hamilton’s Seven Civic Museums

HHB member-liaisons are assigned to each museum and report monthly to HHB.

HHB monitors the museums and their programs, approves grounds-use requests, and addresses issues around public use of the sites.
Achievements
2008-2009

2. Volunteering

HHB members volunteer at museum events

HHB members volunteer at community and local heritage events
3. Heritage Planning & Presentation

HHB members sit on, administer, and chair the City’s Joint- Plaquing Sub-Committee. The J-PSC has researched, written, and approved six commemorative and nine designation plaques.
4. Presenting Heritage, and Educating the Community through Publication

The Communications & Education Sub-Committee has developed and presented 15 Ward History Fact Sheets to Council, to the public, and to public and separate school board libraries and has published six editions, and distributed 1500 copies per edition, of the HHB quarterly publication - *historiCITY*
Achievements 2008-2009

5. Presenting Heritage, and Educating the Community through Presentation

The Communications and Education Sub-Committee has launched the HHB interactive website [www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca](http://www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca), launched the free HHB Speakers Bureau - *Historically Speaking*, and produced the *HHB Communications Handbook of Policies and Protocols*.
6. Recognizing and Celebrating Hamilton’s Heritage

The Heritage Events Sub-Committee organized the 2009 Heritage Recognition Awards Day Ceremonies, including presentation of the first *City of Hamilton and HHB Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Heritage Award* and presentation of the annual Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Society Awards.
7. Communicating and Collaborating

HHB advises the City of Hamilton on matters concerning all local communities that comprise Hamilton’s prehistoric and historic heritage.

HHB collaborates with the public and community groups on historical and heritage matters.

HHB includes liaison members from the MHC and City Council.
## 2008 Budget & Expenditures

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(to August 31, 2009)

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**3 projects in process, totalling $5000**
A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB Projects 2009-2017: Programs

Proposal to the City for the August Civic Holiday in 2010 and beyond

Inaugurating the City of Hamilton and HHB sponsored annual Susan E. Bennetto Student Awards for Achievement in History

Heritage Awards Ceremony 2010, including The Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award
A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB Projects 2009-2017: Programs

Special city-wide heritage recognition event program 2011

Increasing distribution and revenues of HHB *historiCITY*

Expansion of education projects involving Hamilton schools

Raising the profile of Hamilton history and heritage in the community
A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB Projects 2009-2017: Collaborations

Bicentennial of the War of 1812 celebrations

Celebration of Canada’s Sesquicentennial 2017

Developing heritage walking tours

Increased communication and collaboration with the heritage community
Upcoming HHB Projects 2009-2017: Museum Projects

Ongoing expansion of school programming

Battlefield Park landscape project

Dundurn “Renaissance” project

Long-range planning for the Hamilton and Scourge National Historic Site
Thank You!
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