The meeting was called to order.

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

   The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

   (a) Added Item 5.7, verbal update from Frances Thorp-Neufeld regarding the Cultural and Heritage Tourism Annual Symposium which she attended on June 9 to 10, 2008.

   (b) There is an amendment to the recommendation in Item 7.21. The word “should” in subsection (a) (iii) following the parenthesis is changed to “shall” to read “. . . City staff (Cultural Heritage Planning and Building Services staff) shall be contacted ..”.

Copies have been distributed.
(c) Added Notice of Motion 10.6 from Art French respecting the Hamilton Branch ACO upcoming series of events celebrating the life and works of architect John Lyle.

(d) The order of the agenda is changed so that Items 7 and 8 will be considered prior to Item 5.

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. DELEGATION REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS
(a) Cultural Heritage Landscapes Update (M. House – no copy) (Item 3.1)

Megan House made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an update of the research she has completed to date and highlighted heritage landscapes in the Jerseyville area.

The Committee thanked Meghan House for her work. Councillor Pearson requested that this information be archived for easy access.

(Manson/Wakeman)
That the staff presentation be received.  
CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Kirk/Stewart-Greene)
That the Minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) be approved as presented.  
CARRIED

5. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 7)

(a) Delegated Approvals (Item 7.1):

(i) Heritage Permit Application, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Hamilton City Hall (Ward 2) (Item 7.1.1)
(ii) Heritage Permit Application, 70 James Street South, Hamilton, St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church (Ward 2) (Item 7.1.2)

(iii) Heritage Permit Application, 153 St. Clair Avenue, Hamilton, St. Clair Heritage Conservation District (Ward 3) (Item 7.1.3)

(iv) Heritage Permit Application, 15 King Street West, Dundas (Ward 13) (Item 7.1.4)

(v) Heritage Permit Application, 36 and 42 James Street South (Pigott and Sun Life) (Ward 2) (item 7.1.5)

(Manson/Adkins)
That Items 5(a) (i) to (v) be received for information.

CARRIED

(b) Staff Reports/Recommendations (Item 7.2.1):

(i) Heritage Permit Application (HP2008-022) Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to Demolish the Boiler Plant Infrastructure at 28-44 James Street North (Lister Block), Hamilton (J. Muller) (Item 7.1.2)

Joseph Muller provided a verbal overview of the report and he responded to questions posed by the Committee which included the following:

- Why is there scaffolding on the James Street side of the building?
- Do the safeguards include preventative shoring?
- What is happening inside the building?

(Manson/Adkins)
That Robin McKee be permitted to ask a question from the gallery.

CARRIED

Robin McKee asked whether the east wall of the arcade is designated. Staff responded that the interior of the arcade is designated and any protective measures that may be needed for the east wall will be identified during monitoring.

The Committee approved the following staff recommendations:

(Manson/Wray)
That Council be advised:
(a) That Heritage Permit (HP2008-022) be approved for the demolition of the boiler plant infrastructure, comprising the remains of the chimney stack, underground boiler-room, and underground storage tank, for the designated property at 28-44 James Street North (Lister Block), Hamilton, subject to the following conditions:

(i) That prior to the issuance of a demolition permit under the **Building Code Act** for the boiler plant infrastructure for the Lister Block at 28-44 James Street North, and prior to any other demolition activity at 28-44 James Street North, the applicant supply photo-documentation of the:

1. Interior of the underground bunker, confirming the structural status of the feature as described in the application; and,

2. Exterior back east wall of the Lister Block arcade.

(ii) That the back wall of the Lister Block arcade be monitored through the demolition of the Boiler Plant Infrastructure by the proponent;

(iii) If there are signs of incipient failure in the back wall of the Lister Block arcade during demolition activities, these activities should cease and City staff (Cultural Heritage Planning and Building Services staff) shall be contacted to advise on any necessary interventions and that the proponent take measures to immediately rectify the situation; and,

(iv) The back east wall of the Lister Block arcade shall be structurally braced after these demolition activities are complete

CARRIED

6. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS (Item 8)

(a) **Recommendation to Designate 46-52 James Street North, Hamilton, Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 2)** (S. Vattay)

Sharon Vattay made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the report and she responded to questions.

She confirmed that the owner of the building had received a copy of today’s agenda and were aware of the report.
There was a brief discussion on the following issues:

- what is behind the metal cladding on the building;
- the time lines and process involved in designation;
- what government funding is available.

The Committee approved the staff recommendations as follows:

(Adkins/Charlton)
That the City of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advise Council:

(a) That the designation of 46-52 James Street North, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, be approved.

(b) That the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix “A”, be approved.

(c) That the City Solicitor be directed to take appropriate action to designate 46-52 James Street North, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with the Notice of Intention to Designate, attached as Appendix “B”.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Item 5)

(a) Information respecting timeframe requirements for construction following a demolition. (S. Vattay – no copy) (Item 5.1)

Sharon Vattay confirmed that the City does have demolition control but it applies only to residential buildings. In those instances, the City may impose a condition that a new structure be built within a certain time frame.

Also, a City by-law exists that prohibits the establishment of new surface parking lots in the downtown area. Any concerns respecting vacant lots which are being used for parking should be reported to by-law enforcement staff. Complaints are logged on the City’s Hansen computer program for tracking reasons.
(b) Christ Church Unity, 21 Rosedene Avenue (K. Wakeman – no copy) (Item 5.2)
Kathy Wakeman advised that she hasn't spoken with the owner of the property and the only information she currently has is hearsay. She indicated that she will attend the Church during Sunday service, as a private citizen, and report back to Committee with first hand information.

(c) Policy Sub-Committee Report - (B Manson) (Item 5.3)
Bill Manson provided an overview of the Report and the rationale with respect to the recommendations. He explained that policies ensure equity, transparency and consistency. Most Committees of Council have policies which are referred to as guiding principals, or terms of reference.

Sylvia Wray expressed concerns with this proposal as Sub-Committees should be advising not providing directives.

(Pearson/Kirk)
That the Policy Sub-Committee Report be TABLED to a future meeting of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) in order to allow the members and staff time to review and provide comments.

CARRIED

(d) Heritage Tax Rebate Program Report FCS03088 – (D. Cuming) (Item 5.4)
David Cuming provided some background with respect to this issue and responded to questions.

(Manson/Pearson)
That the Heritage Tax Rebate Program Report FCS03088 be received for information.

CARRIED

(e) Update respecting 2008 ACO/CHO Conference (M. Adkins - to be distributed at meeting) (Item 5.5)
Michael Adkins addressed Committee and indicated that the ACO/CHO Conference was a fantastic inspiring experience which was well organized and ran on schedule. It was held in the beautiful area of Collingwood. He indicated that he enjoyed attending as a delegate. Next year it will be held in Peterborough. He added that he and Alyssa Denham volunteered Hamilton to be the site of the ACO/CHO Conference in 2013, pending further discussion.
Councillor Pearson indicated that the timing would be ideal as it would coincide with the anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek and she suggested that David Adames and Anna Bradford be advised of this proposal.

(Kirk/Charlton)
That the verbal report by Michael Adkins be received for information.  
CARRIED

(f) Gore Park (M. Sergi) (Item 5.6)
The Committee briefly discussed the report.

(Manson/Adkins)
That the memo from Michelle Sergi respecting Gore Park be received.  
CARRIED

(g) Cultural and Heritage Tourism Annual Symposium, June 9 to 10, 2008 - (F. Thorp-Neufeld – no copy) (Added Item 5.7)
Frances Thorp-Neufeld provided an overview of the symposium which she attended. She indicated that the pros and cons of tourism with respect to heritage sites were examined. She found it to be a worthwhile experience and recommends that members attend these functions.

(Adkins/Wray)
That the verbal update from Frances Thorp-Neufeld be received.  
CARRIED

8. Buildings and Landscapes (Item 6)
(a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:
   (i) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie
       No updates.

   (ii) Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie
       No updates.
(iii) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – B. Manson
No updates

(iv) Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins
No updates.

(v) St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – P. Hartnett
No updates

(vi) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie
No updates, except Chair French noted that the hording (?) was still intact.

(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
Michael Adkins reported that there is no new graffiti on the building, the doors are shut and sales ads for the proposed condos are in the paper.

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

(x) 795 Old Highway 8, the former Rockton Hotel Livery Stable – P. Hartnett
No updates

(xi) 46 - 52 James Street North (B. Manson)
No updates
(b) Buildings and Landscapes of Concern

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

Michael Adkins indicated that he noticed some graffiti up high on the building which is evidence that someone has been inside. The mattresses are still there and there are newly broken windows.

(ii) 2 Hatt Street, Dundas – F. Thorp-Neufeld

No updates

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

No updates

(iv) Old Lyric Theatre, 14 Mary Street, Hamilton

No updates

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(a) Follow up with the Ontario Heritage Trust recommendation about the Lister Block that there be a "nomination to the Canadian Register of Historic Places" (M. Adkins – no copy)

Michael Adkins presented the recommendation of the Ontario Heritage Trust and a brief discussion followed.

Staff were directed to follow-up regarding the recommendation and report back at next month’s meeting.

10 GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) Demolition of 60 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton (J. Muller) (Item 10.1)

Staff explained that the Committee of Adjustment has approved the severance subject to a heritage impact assessment. The Committee’s input is being requested with respect to the assessment.

Prem Terwali, a structural engineer representing the applicant addressed Committee and indicated that in his opinion the building is not heritage.
That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) support the direction of staff subject to the study being presented to Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) once it has been completed.

CARRIED

(b) Copy of letter from Natalie Bull, Executive Director of Heritage Canada Foundation, to David Christopherson, M. P. respecting Request to Meet Regarding Federal Incentives and Legislation for Heritage Buildings (Item 10.2)

For information.

(c) Letter from the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, respecting Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (Item 10.3)

For information.

(d) Joint Heritage Burlington / Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Meeting Minutes (Item 10.4)

Alissa Denham advised that Burlington staff have provided a stack of posters for distribution to anyone interested in taking one.

(f) Notice of Motion – respecting proposed name change for Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) (A. French) (Item 10.5)

Chair French relinquished the Chair to Alissa Denham in order to present the following notices of motion:

(i) Proposed Change of Committee Name

Whereas the Government Efficiency Act, 2002, provided for name changes and scope of interests of Local Architectural Conservation and Advisory Committees (LACAC),

And whereas since Mid-2003, Hamilton LACAC has been known as Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee),

Therefore, it is recommended that the name of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) be changed to Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.
(ii) **Support for the Hamilton Branch ACO Series**

That Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) support the Hamilton Branch ACO series of events celebrating the life and works of architect John Lyle to be held in Hamilton in the fall of 2008 by recommending to CHO that the surplus funds from the joint ACO/CHO Conference, Hamilton, 2004, be directed to Hamilton Branch ACO to support the Lyle exhibition. Further, details may be found in the attached letter from Rob Hamilton, President, Hamilton Branch, ACO.

Chair French assumed the Chair.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Adkins/Wakeman)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Art French, Chair
Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee)