MINUTES
HAMILTON LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee)

Thursday, December 15, 2005
12:00 noon – Committee Room 110
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: D. Dent (Chair), A. Charlton (Vice-Chair), Councillor M. Pearson,
A. Denham, A. French, P. Hartnett, P. Shaker, M. Stark,
L. Toews, K. Wakeman and S. Wray

Absent with
Regrets: Councillor B. McHattie, B. Manson

Also Present: D. Cuming, Sr. Project Manager, Community Planning & Design
J. Muller, Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning & Design
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

The meeting was called to order.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(Pearson/French)
That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) meeting Minutes, dated
November 24, 2005 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 4)

4.1 Request for Designation – 562 Dundas Street East, Waterdown

The Committee considered a staff memorandum regarding advice respecting a request to designate former farmhouse located at 562 Dundas Street East.

The applicants, Tim Ehler and Sherrey Roberts, were in attendance and were asked to speak to the matter by the Chair. The applicants, who are currently leasing the farmhouse at 562 Dundas Street East, spoke in support of their application for designation noting that they had been served with an eviction notice and must vacate the premises by February 28, 2006. Mr. Ehler and Ms. Roberts indicated that they own the house, which is on the farm, but do not own the property.

The applicants would like the property owner to consider a time extension to allow them to purchase an alternate piece of property, which is currently being held up by the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and to build a foundation so that the house can be moved to the alternate site and preserved.

Mr. Ehler and Ms. Roberts requested the Committee’s assistance in with the preservation of their house.

Staff recommended that the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advise the applicant that his interest in the heritage of the City is commendable, but that designation under the Ontario Heritage Act would not be the best means to protect this structure, at this time.

(Pearson/Charlton)
That a letter not be sent to the homeowner at this time.

CARRIED

(Pearson/Charlton)
That staff (Community Planning & Design) prepare a letter, on behalf of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee), to the Salem Artisan Mental Health Association, in support of the homeowners’ request for an extension to remove the house from the property to a time when a foundation can be built and the home moved.

CARRIED

4.2 Peter’s Corners Intersection Improvements - Proposal for Intersection Improvements that Require the Demolition of a Listed Building

Staff provided an overview of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation’s proposed intersection improvements at Peter’s Corners.

(Pearson/Stark)
That Item 4.2 – Peter’s Corners Intersection Improvements – Proposal for Intersection Improvements that Require the Demolition of a Listed Building, be tabled in order that Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) members have time to view the site, prior to commenting, and that the Item be placed on the January 2006 agenda for discussion.

CARRIED

4.3 Heritage Celebrations 2006 – “Heritage…..Comes Home”

The City of Hamilton’s Annual Heritage Celebration is taking place at noon on Saturday, February 18, 2006. The Culture Section of the Community Services Department is encouraging Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) members to participate in this year’s Heritage Fair and Marketplace.

Anne Charlton, Kathy Wakeman and Alissa Denham volunteered to participate in the Heritage Fair and Marketplace.

S. Paparella will complete and submit the participation form to the Culture Section on behalf of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee).

4.4 Unidentified Property

A California resident has sent a photo of an unidentified property to heritage staff requesting that staff or the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) identify where this property is located.

Chair Dent suggested that it looked similar to a home on Highfield (between Turner and Rover’s Crescent).

Anyone who may know the location of this property is asked to please forward the information directly to J. Muller at jmuller@hamilton.ca.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION and OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 2006 Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Meeting Schedule and Member Parking Passes

The 2006 Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Meeting Schedule and Parking Passes were distributed to members of the Committee.

Councillor Pearson requested that the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) take a break during the summer months of July and August, as many people are away.
(Charlton/Stark)
That the 2006 meeting schedule for the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) remain as is to include meetings in the months of July and August.

CARRIED

Councillor Pearson wished to be recorded as OPPOSED.

5.2 Endangered Buildings:

5.2.1 Former Strathcona Fire Hall, 37 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton

D. Cuming advised that he had attended a meeting with property owner representatives, including their architect, to discuss a preliminary site plan application for a five-storey, senior’s building at 37 Strathcona Avenue North. The former Strathcona Fire Station (1897) is also located on the site and was once designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act by the former City of Hamilton. The designating by-law was subsequently rescinded but the structure still comprises an important heritage property. As a result of the proposed redevelopment of the site the fire station will be retained as part of the new development. Staff is supporting this initiative.

5.2.2 Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton – Heritage Impact Assessment Study

Chair Dent advised the Committee that the consultant’s study, which was presented to staff, was deemed insufficient and that the Director of Development and Real Estate suggested that additional material be added. It is hoped that the study will be revised early in the new year.

5.2.3. 2 Hatt Street, Dundas

Craig Campbell, a reporter with the Dundas Star News had made inquiries to members of the Dundas Community Heritage Advisory Panel (CHAP) and to staff as to whether or not 2 Hatt Street, Dundas had been placed on the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Endangered Building List.

L. Toews commented that she did not feel the building was in danger, as someone has been caretaking the property and the owners have been advised of the designation possibilities.
It was suggested that members of the Committee drive by the site and discuss the matter at the next meeting on January 26, 2006.

5.2.4 Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster

A. Charlton reported that the Roman Catholic Diocese has a meeting set for January 10, 2006 and is to involve D. Cuming, A. Charlton and Mr. O'Brian of the Roman Catholic Diocese.

5.2.5 Auchmar Estate, 88 Fennel Avenue, Hamilton

A. Charlton raised concern with respect to leak at Auchmar, and suggested that the City be requested to consider funding the necessary repairs from the 2006 budget.

Councillor Pearson agreed to make a site visit to view the property.

5.2.6 Smart-Turner Building, 191 Barton Street East

(Pearson/Wray)

That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) reconsider the request, brought forward by Hamilton Heath Sciences and Hospital Family Houses of Ontario, to table the heritage designation of 191 Barton Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, for a six (6) month period.

DEFEATED

A. Charlton commented that she would prefer to have the building at 191 Barton Street East, Hamilton, designated and be given the opportunity to show what can be done with a heritage building and how the needs of Hospital Family Houses of Ontario and Hamilton Health Sciences may be accommodated.

5.3 Joint Plaquing Sub-committee Minutes, dated December 5, 2005

5.4 Hamilton’s Heritage, Volume 6 – Cemeteries

5.5 Community Improvement Plan – Enterprise Zone Municipal Realty Tax Incentive Grant Program

5.6 Correspondence from the Flamborough Heritage Society, dated November 29, 2005, respecting the 15th Annual Heritage Book Fair

5.7 Correspondence from Bill Manson respecting attendance at the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) meetings.
5.8 Preparing Heritage Landscape, a Manual for Urban and Rural Communities in Ontario (to be circulated)

5.9 Strengthening Ontario’s Heritage, An Introductory Guide to Identifying, Protecting and Promoting the Heritage of Our Communities (to be circulated)

(Pearson/Wakeman)
That Items 5.3 to 5.9 be received. CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)

(Pearson/Shaker)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:35 p.m. CARRIED