MINUTES
HAMILTON LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee)
Thursday, February 28, 2008
12:00 p.m., Room 207, 2nd Floor
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane

Present:  A. French (Chair), A. Denham-Robinson (Vice Chair),
D. Dent (Past Chair) Councillors B. Bratina and M. Pearson,
P. Hartnett, M. Kirk, B. Manson, S. Stewart-Greene,
K. Wakeman, and S. Wray

Absent with Regrets:  Councillor B. McHattie, City Business
M. Adkins and L. Brown, work commitment
F. Thorp-Neufeld, medical reasons
A. Charlton

Also Present:  D. Cuming, Acting Manager, Community Planning & Design
J. Hickey-Evans, Manager, Policy Planning
S. Vattay, Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning & Design
M. House, Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning & Design
T. Bradt, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

The meeting was called to order.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(a) For the convenience of staff in attendance, Item 9.7 will be considered following the approval of the Minutes (Item 4). Copies of an executive summary with respect to Item 9.7 have been circulated.

(b) Added motion Item 9.8 from Kathy Wakeman with respect to the vacant land adjacent to Battlefield Park. Copies have been distributed.
(c) Also to ensure that the unfinished business from the last meeting is covered today, Items 9.1 to 9.8 will be considered following Item 9.7.

(d) Added information Item 10.7 concerning an article in *Heritage Matters* which refers to 225 James Street South (B. Manson)

(e) Added information Item 10.8 - an update respecting the places of worship (Sylvia Wray).

(Wray/Denham
That the agenda be approved, as amended. CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. DELEGATION REQUESTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Manson/Wakeman)
That the Minutes of the January 24, 2008 meeting of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) be approved. CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(a) *City of Hamilton Cultural Heritage Official Plan Policies and Discussion Paper: An Overview* (J. Hickey-Evans, Manager, Policy Planning, Strategic Services - Special Projects Division, Planning and Economic Development Department (Item 9.7)

Joanne Hickey-Evans addressed Committee and provided an overview of a hand-out entitled *City of Hamilton Cultural Heritage Official Plan Policies and Discussion Paper: An Overview – Municipal Heritage Committee* which was distributed.

She indicated that at the next Committee meeting scheduled for March 27, 2008, staff will make a detailed presentation and Committee will have an opportunity to provide input.

(Pearson/Kirk)
That the verbal overview be received. CARRIED
(b) Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Annual Report (Item 9.1)

Alissa Denham-Robinson indicated that a few typos in the report were noted and corrected and asked that the members advise if they had any further comments with respect to the final version.

She stated that copies were distributed at last night’s Council meeting and, at the next LACAC meeting she will be presenting a request for additional printed copies of the report.

The Committee commended Alissa Denham-Robinson for her work on this publication.

(Manson/Dent)
That the report be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(c) Cultural Heritage Landscapes Inventory and Management Plan - Project Update (M. House – no copy). (Item 9.2)

Meghan House made a PowerPoint presentation and her comments included but were not limited to the following:

- This is an 18 month project approved in the 2007 capital budget;
- The purpose is to inventory all cultural heritage landscapes in the city of Hamilton (urban and rural) and;
- to identify, evaluate and manage these resources;
- The definition of cultural heritage landscape: *a natural landscape modified by past human activities*;
- The Provincial Policy Statement definition: *a defined geographic area of heritage significance which has been modified by human activities and is valued by a community*;
- Some examples are: villages, parks, gardens, battlefields, mainstreets, neighbourhoods, cemeteries, trailways and industrial complexes;
- Overview of project timeline – 17 tasks to be completed

(Wray/Dent)
That the PowerPoint presentation be received.

CARRIED
(d) Education Sub-Committee Items (Item 9.3)

(i) Minutes of Meeting (Jan. 15, 2008)

It was noted that these Minutes were for the Committee’s information.

(ii) LACAC (MHC) Logo Concepts

Alissa Denham-Robinson presented the logo concepts and the proposal to pay the graphic artist a $50.00 honourarium for her volunteer work in creating the logo. She distributed a hand-out which outlined the reasons for proposing a Committee logo.

Staff advised that the logo and the honourarium proposals are contrary to City policy.

After some discussion the Committee did not approve the proposed logo because, in the Committee’s opinion, it too closely resembles the logo of the Rotary Club and it does not clearly represent the concept of “heritage”.

Furthermore, it was suggested that the community be engaged in designing the logo, such as by holding a contest, etc.

The Committee voted on the balance of the recommendations separately as follows:

(Dent/Kirk)
That Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) submit a delegation request to the Economic Development and Planning Committee in order to present its proposal for a logo.

CARRIED

(Dent/Manson)
That the Economic Development and Planning Committee be requested to approve the payment of a $50.00 honorarium to graphic designer, Evelyn Kelch for her volunteer work to create the proposed logo design and that the monies be charged to the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) “poster and marketing account”.

CARRIED
(iii) **Recommendation #2: Sales of Heritage Materials**

(a) That the following revised prices for printed heritage materials be adopted for 2008:

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(b) That the reduced prices for high volume orders be reviewed;

(c) That an additional 10 copies of Volume 5 – *Reasons for Designation* be printed.

CARRIED

(iv) **Draft Walking Tour**

The Committee discussed the draft walking tour prior to approving the recommendations and the comments included but were not limited to the following:

- The content in the brochure should be brief;
- Use only one sheet of paper for the brochure;
- Include directions for north/south/east/west;
- Plaques would be an asset on a walking tour.

(Denham-Robinson/Stewart-Greene)

(a) That the sample draft format for the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Heritage Walking Tour be approved;
(b) That the Education Sub-Committee proceed with the development of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Heritage Walking Tour, based on the comments provided by the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) and be presented to the Committee for further comments and approval.

CARRIED

(v) Info Sheet: HWDSB Education Centre

(Dent/Pearson)

(a) That the information sheet respecting the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Education Centre be amended by removing the words “Listed Building under the Ontario Heritage Act” and inserting the words “Building listed on the City of Hamilton inventory List:” therein and

(b) that the information sheet be received for information.

CARRIED

(e) Communications Review Sub-Committee (Ad-hoc) Report (B. Manson) (Item 9.4)

Bill Manson presented the Ad-hoc Committee Report and the recommendations were approved. Kathy Wakeman suggested that heritage plaques be presented at Council to raise the profile of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee).

(Pearson/Dent)

(a) That LACAC establish and maintain a very visible profile at all EP&D Committee and COW meetings, particularly when a heritage matters are under consideration;

(b) That representatives of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) attend the EP&D Committee meetings, as a delegation, when critical heritage issues are under consideration;

(c) That LACAC develop ongoing and collaborative lines of communication with Hamilton heritage and historical organizations on heritage matters in Hamilton;

(d) That the word “Communications” be restored to the Education Sub-committee’s name in recognition of the role
this sub-committee plays in implementing the LACAC Mission, and the goals that LACAC assigns to it;

(e) That the Education Sub-committee make the development of a high-profile website within City of Hamilton parameters a priority goal in its current work plan.

CARRIED

(f) Policy Review Sub-Committee February 2008 Report (B. Manson) (Item 9.5)

Art French vacated the Chair to Alissa Denham-Robinson to address Committee and state that he is opposed to the recommendations in this Report.

Art French assumed the Chair.

After some discussion, no action was taken with respect to the report.

(g) Motion requesting presentation respecting redevelopment plan for Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital (HPH) (B. Manson) (Item 9.6).

Bill Manson withdrew his motion. He explained that the situation has since changed.

(h) Motion respecting the vacant land adjacent to Battlefield Park (K. Wakeman) (Added Item 9.8)

Councillor Pearson provided some background information to the Committee respecting this issue.

(Wakeman/Pearson)

That planning staff be advised that lands at the south west corner of King Street and Centennial Parkway, directly west of Battlefield Park (Stoney Creek) are considered to be of historical and potential archaeological interest as they form part of the battlefield of the Battle of Stoney Creek and that the proponent in any future development of this site under the Planning Act be requested to undertake an archaeological assessment and if applicable include appropriate commemorative features.

CARRIED
(Bratina/Wakeman)
That the order of the agenda be further amended and Item 8.1 be considered next.

CARRIED

6. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS

(a) Recommendation to Designate 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook (Binbrook Memorial Hall), Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 11) (M. House) (Item 8.1)

Megan House made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the report.

(Wray/Pearson)
That the City of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advises Council:

(a) That the designation of 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook (Binbrook Memorial Hall), as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions or Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, be approved.

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

(c) That the City Solicitor be directed to take appropriate action to designate 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook (Binbrook Memorial Hall), 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) January LACAC Report and requests to the Economic Development and Planning Committee (Lister Block and Hamilton Public School Board Building) (B. Manson – no copy) (Item 5.1)

Bill Manson advised that he attended the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting on February 19, 2008 when the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Report
containing the recommendations for the Lister Block and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Education Centre was on the agenda. He advised that the Committee received LACAC’s report and he was not asked for comments at the meeting.

Bill Manson also provided an update with respect to the Lister Block and the recent proposal at Committee of the Whole which does not include designating the adjourning properties.

(b) Royal Connaught Update (Councillor B. Bratina – no copy) (Item 5.2)

Councillor Bratina advised that he did not present his motion respecting the Royal Connaught at the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting as he has learned that there is a potential buyer for the building who is interested in restoring it.

(c) Minimum Property Standards By-law Update (Councillor B. McHattie – no copy) (Item 5.3)

David Cuming advised Committee that the Economic Development and Planning Committee directed staff to develop a strategy to contact the owners of heritage properties and report back with a proposed consultation process.

(d) Meeting with City of Burlington Heritage Committee Members (A. Charlton – no copy) (Item 5.4)

Art French advised that there is a meeting with the members of the Burlington Heritage Committee scheduled for April and the Chair of the Haldimand Heritage Committee has also contacted him for a possible meeting.

8. Buildings and Landscapes (Item 6):

(a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

(i) Victoria Hall, 68 King Street East, Hamilton (NHS, D) – A. Denham

(Denham-Robinson/Manson)

That Victoria Hall be removed from the Endangered Buildings and Landscapes List.

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

(iii) Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie
No updates

(iv) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – B. Manson
No updates

(v) Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L) – D. Dent
Diane Dent indicated that another letter will be sent to the owner of the property and that Property Standards By-law enforcement is required due to the poor condition of the building.

(vi) St. Mark’s Church, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – P. Hartnett
Sharon Vattay confirmed that staff is currently circulating the rezoning proposal internally and is taking all public consultation comments into consideration.

(vii) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie
No Updates

(viii) Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (L) – A. Charlton
No updates

(ix) The Royal Connaught Hotel, 112 King Street East, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins
No further updates. (See Item 7(b))
(x)  Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – A. Charlton

No updates

(xi)  795 Old Highway 8, the former Rockton Hotel Livery Stable – P. Hartnett

Patricia Hartnett advised that the City’s Real Estate staff will be presenting a report to the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommending that the building be categorized as surplus property. If approved, the building can then be put on the market for sale.

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

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

Councillor Bratina advised that the building is still standing.

(ii)  Smart-Turner Building, 191 Barton Street E., Hamilton (ND, L) – Councillor M. Pearson

Councillor Pearson advised that there have been some repairs made to the dormers and a new roof has been installed. She noted that the building has been hit with graffiti and she will keep it on her radar but requested that it be removed from the list.

(Pearson/Manson)

That the Smart Turner Building be removed from the buildings and landscapes of concern list.

CARRIED

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

No updates
(iv) Dundas Post Office, Dundas – F. Thorp-Neufeld

No updates

(v) Old Lyric /Century Theatre, 14 Mary Street, Hamilton

Councillor Bratina advised that the owner is now in a financial position to commence working on the building and restoring the façade will be part of the project.

9. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 7)

(a) Delegated Approvals (Item 7.1):

(i) Heritage Permit Application, 777 York Boulevard, Hamilton – Hamilton Cemetery Gatehouse (Ward 1) (Item 7.1.1)

(ii) Heritage Permit Application, 215 St. Clair Boulevard, Hamilton – (Ward 4) (Item 7.1.2)

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

None

(Manson/Wray)

That item 9(a) and (b) be received for information.

CARRIED

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) Correspondence Items 10.1 and 10.2:

(Dent/Pearson)

That the following correspondence items be received:

(i) 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. (Item 10.1)

(ii) 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. (Item 10.2)

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

Sharon Vattay provided the members with new inserts for their handbooks.

Art French advised that he has distributed *Hamilton’s Who’s Who* booklets and indicated that if anyone has not received one to let him know.

(c) **(Dent/Pearson)**

That the following Items be received for information:

(i) Heritage Designation Priority List (Item 10.4)
(ii) Heritage Permit Year-End Tracking Sheet (item 10.5)
(iii) City of Toronto Minimum Property Standards By-law: (Item 10.6)

(1) Staff Report
(2) Council Decision
(3) Excerpts from By-law

CARRIED

(d) **Heritage Matters article referencing 225 James Street South (Added Item 10.7)**

Bill Manson referred to an article in the latest edition of *Heritage Matters* magazine and indicated that it cited 225 James Street South as a negative example of heritage preservation.

(e) **Places of Worship (Added Item 10.8)**

Sylvia Wray advised that Places of Worship Volume 7A is on the website and Volume B is currently underway.

(f) **Gore Park (Added Item 10.9)**

Diane Dent requested that the designation of Gore Park be an item on the next agenda.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art French, Chair
Hamilton LACAC
(Municipal Heritage Committee)

Ida Bedioui,
Legislative Assistant
Hamilton LACAC
(Municipal Heritage Committee)
February 28, 2008