The meeting was called to order.

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

   The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

   (a) Added Item 8.7 - Letter from the Community Heritage Advisory Panel for Dundas (CHAP Dundas) requesting the designation of the former Dundas District High School at 397 King Street West, Dundas. (F. Neufeld)

   Recommendation: That staff be requested to prepare a report to Council recommending that staff undertake a cultural heritage assessment of the Dundas District High School.
(b) Added Item 8.8 - Motion from Councillor McHattie respecting request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to consider nomination of Hamilton City Hall as a National Historic Site.

(c) Added Item 8.9 – 223 Ferguson Avenue South, introduced by Bill Manson.

(d) Items 8.1 and 8.5 will be considered after Item 4 as staff from other departments are in attendance to assist Committee with these items.

(Manson/French)
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/Neufeld)
That the Minutes of the April 26, 2007 meeting of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(Manson/Neufeld)
That the Minutes of the Special May 15, 2007 meeting of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
(a) Committee 2007 Goals and Workplan (A. Charlton)

Chair Charlton invited Art French who has submitted his written comments with respect to the proposed 2007 goals and workplan to address Committee with respect to this issue.

Art French advised that he is in support of the Committee developing a work plan and feels that it is a necessary tool which is used by other organizations.
Bill Manson indicated that the goals on the list have the potential to become policies. He will present a proposal on the goals and workplan at the next meeting together with a new mandate for the Policy and Design Review Sub-committee which is currently outdated.

It was noted that the Committee’s list of goals needs to be divided and assigned to an appropriate sub-committee. The Committee decided that this Item remain TABLED until the next meeting. (It was further noted that numbers 1 and 2 of the list have already been addressed.)

6. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

(a) Delegated Approvals:
   (i) Heritage Permit Application, 25 Cross Street, Dundas (Ward 13)
   (ii) Heritage Permit Application, 252 James Street North, Hamilton, Christ’s Church Cathedral Schoolhouse (Ward 1)

Staff noted that the above Items have been considered by the Heritage Permit Sub-committee and approved under the delegated approval process. They are included on the agenda for information only.

(b) Staff Reports/Recommendations:
   None

7. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS

(a) Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (A. Charlton - no copy)(Item 7.1)

Anne Charlton indicated that she sent an e-mail to the Business Administrator of the Diocese of Hamilton, the owner of the Book House, and the e-mail bounced back. She also tried to contact him by telephone but so far she hasn’t received any comment.

The Committee discussed what would be an appropriate next step. Staff advised that it’s best to at least notify the owner of the City’s intentions to proceed with designation of the property.

(Pearson/Wray)

(a) That staff be requested to send a follow-up letter to the owner of the Book House advising that the City intends to proceed with designation of the property;
8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(a) Victoria Park and Dundas Driving Park Master Plans (S. Barnhart, Open Space Development, Public Works Department - no copy) (Item 8.1)

(i) Dundas Driving Park Pamphlet (F. Thorp-Neufeld) (Item 8.1.1)

Steve Barnhart, Landscape Architect, Open Space Development, Public Works made a PowerPoint presentation and provided a hard copy for distribution.

His comments highlighted but were not limited to the following:

**Victoria Park Site:**
- Capital Works – workshop with Strathcona residents, $725,000 construction budget, Stage 1 & 2 archaeological investigation
- History of Victoria Park: Crystal Palace, early park buildings, 1903 horse track,
  - Physiographic Features
  - Existing Park Program
  - Master Plan Concept – Phase

**Dundas Driving Park:**
- City wide park
- Donation provided by Rotary
- Approved construction budget for 2007 and 2008 is $2.1 Million
- Undertook Stages 1 & 2 of archaeological investigation
- Master Plan Development
- Existing Park Program
- History of Dundas Driving Park: horse harness racing course, wading pool from pond, covered bandstand with refreshment stand, original log cabin office, lawn bowling, and tennis club
- Early driving park buildings
- Comparison of Park Site Layout
- Master Plan Concept – try to reorganize the active programs in order to not interfere with green space, centralize activities and put non-programmed activities/green space on perimeter
- New Program – ice rink with seating connected to new building and centralized wading pool with shade structure
- Details of Centralized building concept

Steve Barnhart answered questions posed by the Committee.

Frances Thorp Neufeld emphasized how important the public consultation process was to the community and thanked staff. She pointed out the pamphlet concerning Dundas Driving Park included in the agenda which she submitted for information.

(b) Selection Process (A. Rawlings) (Item 8.2)

(ii) Suggestion to Selection Committee (TABLED from previous meeting) (Item 8.1.2)

This matter will remain TABLED until the next meeting as Alexandra Rawlings was unable to attend.

(c) Criteria for Plaquing Priority (S. Wray and K. Wakeman) (Item 8.3)

Sylvia Wray presented the proposed criteria for plaquing priority recently developed by the Sub-Committee Chairs.

(Wray/Manson)

(i) That the following criteria for plaquing priority be adopted by Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee):

1. Heritage property must have been designated post-amalgamation.
2. Heritage property should have high physical visibility to the public.
3. Heritage property should have high heritage value as determined by the number of heritage criteria satisfied in the Cultural Heritage Assessment Report supporting property designation.
4. Owners should agree to wording on the plaque and agree on the placement of the plaque on the structure or property.
5. In the event that heritage properties are considered to equally satisfy criteria 1 to 4, properties will be plaqued in chronological order as determined by the date of the enacting designating By-Law.
(ii) It is recommended that the City of Hamilton continue to install individually designed plaques on heritage designated buildings.

(iii) Since there is already a list of post-amalgamation designated heritage properties awaiting plaques, in a year when less than two heritage properties are designated by the L.A.C.A.C. Committee, the outstanding post amalgamation list will be used (in chronological order of the By-Laws) to ensure that 2 properties are plaqued for the year.

(iv) All decisions respecting those designated heritage properties to be awarded a plaque should be made in October of any year, in order that City staff can make the necessary arrangements for the production and delivery of the plaque to be awarded at the following year's February Heritage Day ceremonies.

(v) It is recommended that the City of Hamilton continue to fund the purchase of 2 designated heritage property plaques per year, however if a property is awarded heritage designation and the owner offers to pay for their plaque, this will be permitted and in no way alter the number of plaques to be awarded by the city for the year.

CARRIED

(d) Suggestion respecting Heritage Plaques and Developers (K. Wakeman) (TABLED from previous meeting) (Item 8.4)

Kathy Wakeman presented her proposal and Committee discussed how to better implement it considering the varying costs of the plaques (from $700 to $2,500) and the varying impact on the owners of designated properties (i.e. homeowners vs. developers). The Committee also discussed the possible repercussions of owners paying for their own plaques as they may wish to choose the wording.

(Pearson/Wray)
That the Item respecting Heritage Plaques and Developers be LIFTED from the table.

CARRIED

(Wakeman/Pearson)
The Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) strongly encourages that the provision of heritage plaques be negotiated wherever possible with property owners in any approval process under the Planning Act and Ontario Heritage Act and such owners of designated properties be encouraged to pay for the heritage plaques where possible.

CARRIED
(e) Minimum Property Standards for the Maintenance of Heritage Attributes of Designated Heritage Properties under Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act (City Wide) (M. House) (Item 8.5)

Meghan House made a PowerPoint presentation of the staff report and proposed amending by-law and provided hard copies which were distributed. She explained that the by-law is to address demolition by neglect scenarios where the owner or tenant allows designated buildings and/or structures to deteriorate beyond reasonable repair resulting in demolition. Such instances have occurred in Toronto, St. Thomas, Kitchener and Hamilton (The Tivoli Theatre.)

Her comments highlighted but were not limited to the following:

- Background – changes to the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)
- The existing property standards by-law- established under the Building Code Act
- Properties in Hamilton – 240 Part IV properties, 355 Part V properties, 10 of which are vacant designated properties
- Approach – ensure preservation of designated heritage attributes
- By-law provisions – maintain; repair rather than replace; criteria for replacement materials; minimize damage to heritage fabric when securing vacant buildings; utilities to be maintained when vacant; reinforcement of demolition control provisions under OHA
- Other Options
- Staff Recommendations

Staff answered questions posed by the Committee.

Lisa Pasternak, Senior Solicitor, indicated that the St. Thomas by-law which was structured on the Mississauga by-law was struck down in the courts.

(Stark/Adkins)
(a) That the Item concerning the Report and amending By-law to the Property Standards By-law be TABLED until the next meeting in order that the Committee members can compare the proposed by-law to the by-laws passed by other municipalities.

(b) That staff be requested to circulate copies of the by-laws enacted by the Cities of St. Thomas, Mississauga and Kitchener to the Committee members.

CARRIED

(f) 337 Beach Boulevard, Hamilton, (Ward 5) (D. Cuming) (Item 8.6)

David Cuming provided an overview of the staff memo explaining the background to the property at 337 Beach Boulevard known as Dynes Tavern. After a brief discussion, it was noted that any archaeology
attributes of the property would generally be considered as part of any future planning application such as rezoning.

(McHattie/Manson)
That the matter respecting the structure known as Dynes Tavern be referred to the Inventory and Research Subcommittee for the evaluation of this property located at 337 Beach Boulevard, Hamilton with respect to its potential nomination to the City’s register of property of cultural heritage value and/or any other initiatives enabled under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

(g) Letter from the Community Heritage Advisory Panel for Dundas (CHAP Dundas) requesting the designation of the former Dundas District High School at 397 King Street West, Dundas. (F. Neufeld) (Added 8.7)

Frances Neufeld provided background information about the Dundas District High School and it was noted that the owner of the property has not agreed to designation.

(Neufeld/McHattie)
That staff be requested to prepare a report to Council recommending that staff undertake a cultural heritage assessment of the Dundas District High School.

CARRIED

(h) Request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada regarding possible nomination of Hamilton City Hall as a National Historic Site (Added 8.8)

Councillor McHattie presented his motion explaining that it could provide an opportunity to possibly access Federal funding and restoration advice from Parks Canada which would assist the City in restoring the City Hall building.

(McHattie/Manson)
That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) advise Council to direct staff to request that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada evaluate Hamilton City Hall with a view to its prospective nomination as a National Historic Site.

CARRIED
(i) **223 Ferguson Avenue South, introduced by Bill Manson (Added Item 8.9).**

Bill Manson indicated that the above property is for sale and is part of a designated set of row houses. He asked staff how the City ensures that potential buyers are aware that the building is designated and how information is provided to new owners of designated buildings.

A discussion followed and it was noted that the designation by-law is registered on title. Under the Ontario Heritage Act new owners are also required to inform the Clerk of a change in ownership. Information pamphlets will soon be sent out to the owners of designated properties respecting heritage permit applications but there is no mechanism in place to provide information to new owners.

Councillor Pearson suggested that when MPAC advises the City of a change of ownership on a designated policy, that staff mail out the information at that time.

It was noted that under the Act the owner is obligated to inform the Clerk when they have purchased a designated property. The Committee requested staff to investigate this matter and report back on the next agenda.

9. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

(a) **Distribution of Hamilton’s Heritage Volume 1 (Second Edition, Revised March 2007), List of Designated Properties and Heritage Conservation Easements under the Ontario Heritage Act (S. Vattay – no copy) (Item 9.1)**

Sharon Vattay distributed an updated version of Hamilton’s Heritage Volume 1 and advised that it is available on the City’s web site.

(b) **Letter from the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Trust, inviting Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) to participate in the 2007 Heritage Community Recognition program. (Item 9.2)**

(French/Neufeld)

That the letter from the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Trust, inviting Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) to participate in the 2007 Heritage Community Recognition program be referred to the Policy and Design Sub-Committee to propose some nominees at the next meeting.

CARRIED
(c) **E-mail from Claire Freisenhausen, CEO, Principal Investigator introducing the CRM Lab Archaeological Services (Item 9.3)**

(d) **Endangered Buildings and Landscapes (Item 9.4):**

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

No updates.

(b) **Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie**

*(Kathy/Sylvia)*

That Robin McKee be permitted to address Committee.

**CARRIED**

Robin McKee advised that construction has started to renovate the façade of Treble Hall.

(c) **Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie**

No updates

(d) **Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – B. Manson**

No updates other than the two editorials in the Spectator.

(e) **Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton – M. Stark**

No updates.

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

Sharon Vattay advised that she recently attended a meeting with the interested parties. The architect provided schematic architectural drawings of the proposed alterations which illustrated no major invasive changes to the building.

The designation of the building has been tabled by the Economic Development and Planning Committee. The proponents expressed concerns about having the building designated and Sharon Vattay explained the process to them and invited them to come before the Heritage Permit Sub-Committee in order to alleviate their fears and to obtain answers to their questions.
Sharon Vattay indicated that she explained to the proponents that the proposed designation and renovations could move forward simultaneously and that the designation would not restrict their use of the building for their purposes.

(g) **St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – P. Hartnett**

No updates.

(h) **Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton – Councillor B. McHattie**

Frances Neufeld advised that she and Councillor McHattie have met with Belma Delmonte who advised that the Hamilton Ballet’s business plan should be completed by mid fall.

(i) **Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster – A. Charlton**

See Item 7(a) on page 3 of these Minutes.

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

Francis Neufeld indicated that despite a recent article in the Dundas Star, in her opinion the new owner of the property has been very cooperative with respect to heritage issues.

(French/Manson)

That Items 9(a) to 9(j) inclusive, be received for information.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Kathy Wakeman indicated that she has been receiving comments from residents concerning the orange coloured lattice surrounding the Augustus Jones monument in downtown Stoney Creek. Councillor Pearson offered to research her documents from the former City of Stoney Creek to find out why that colour was chosen. David Cuming indicated that to the best of his knowledge the colour scheme was specifically chosen as part of the design intent for this feature and was intended to reflect the industrial association with the nearby power plant, hence the green and copper colour motif.
11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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