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Committee Date: September 22, 2009

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ……MCHATTIE……………………………..

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ……………………………………………………..

ADAPATIVE RE-USE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

Whereas, given the dual dynamic of church congregations shrinking, and churches aging, many churches in Hamilton will become available for re-use and;

Whereas, many of these churches represent significant cultural heritage resources in Hamilton, and;

Whereas, recently in Hamilton several churches have been negatively affected in terms of their heritage value, and;

Whereas, adaptive reuse of churches is occurring in other municipalities (see attached Toronto Star article);

Therefore:

That the item be added to the staff work program for 2010, and that a consultant be hired, at an upset cost not to exceed $5,000, to investigate applicable options to achieve adaptive reuse of churches in order to maintain their cultural heritage value.