HAMILTON HISTORICAL BOARD

Presentation to the Emergency and Community Services Committee

November 23, 2011.
HHB Then...

- Convened 1973 as a sub-committee of the City Parks & Recreation Committee
- Mandated to oversee the operation of the Dundurn National Historic Site
- Membership of two reps from Parks & Recreation, twelve citizen reps, and one rep from the Hamilton Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee
HHB Today…

• Supported by the Culture Division, reports to City Council through Emergency & Community Services

• Advises Hamilton City Council on historical and heritage matters

• Oversees Hamilton’s Seven Civic Museums

• Promotes awareness and appreciation of Hamilton’s history and heritage

• Consists of fifteen citizen members, one rep from the Municipal Heritage Committee, and one rep from City Council
Achievements
2010-2011

1. Overseeing Hamilton’s Seven Civic Museums

• HHB member-liaisons are assigned to each museum and report monthly to HHB

• HHB monitors the museums and their programs, approves grounds-use requests, and addresses issues around public use of the sites
Achievements
2010-2011

2. Volunteering

• HHB members volunteer at museum events

• HHB members volunteer at community and local heritage events
Achievements
2010-2011

3. Heritage Planning & Presentation

- HHB members sit on, administer, and chair the City’s Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee

- The Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee has researched, written, and approved eleven commemorative and nineteen designation plaques.
4. Presenting Heritage, and Educating the Community through Publication

The Communications and Education Sub-Committee…

- Maintains the HHB interactive website www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca
- Administers the HHB Speakers Bureau - Historically Speaking,
- Continues to expand the HHB educational outreach programs to Hamilton schools.
Presenting Heritage, and Educating the Community through Publication

The Communications & Education Sub-Committee…

• Has published nine editions of the HHB quarterly publication *historiCITY*

• Has distributed 2500 copies per edition

Achievements 2010-2011
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5. Recognizing and Celebrating Hamilton’s Heritage

The Heritage Events Sub-Committee organized the 2011 Heritage Recognition Awards Day ceremonies, including presentation of the City of Hamilton and HHB Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award, the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association Volunteer Awards, and the Susan E. Bennetto History Student Awards.
6. Commemoration of Historical Events

The Hamilton Historical Board is planning for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 as part of the City’s commemorative programs.

In the works for 2012:
• Commemorative Bicentennial Medal
• Commemorative Coin & Stamp
• *The Maple Leaf Forever*
• 1812 Commemorative Trail
• Bicentennial Bus Tour
• Commemorative Edition of *historiCITY*
7. Communicating and Collaborating

- HHB advises the City of Hamilton on matters concerning all local communities that comprise Hamilton’s prehistoric and historic heritage.

- HHB collaborates with the public and community groups on historical and heritage matters.

Achievements 2010-2011
### 2011 Budget

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Upcoming HHB Projects 2011-2017

• Continuing and expanding the City of Hamilton and HHB sponsored heritage awards

• Supporting the celebration of George Hamilton Day

• Continued implementation of a city-wide heritage recognition event program
A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB Projects 2011-2017

• Increasing distribution and revenues for HHB historiCITY

• Continuing the expansion of educational projects involving Hamilton schools

• Continuing to raise the profile of Hamilton history and heritage in the community
A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB Projects 2011-2017

• Ongoing commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812

• Ongoing heritage walking tours

• Increased communication and collaboration with Hamilton heritage communities

• Celebration of Canada’s Sesquicentennial 2017
A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB/Museum Projects 2011-2017

- Ongoing expansion of school and other public programming
- Working in partnership with Public Works, Open Space Development to establish the Battlefield and Gage Park Master Plans
- Long-range planning for the Museum & Heritage Presentation section within the Culture Division
On behalf of the Hamilton Historical Board, Thank You!