MINUTES 12-003
HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Thursday March 15, 2012
12:00 p.m., Room 264
Hamilton City Hall

Present:       A. Denham-Robinson, Chair
K. Wakeman, M. Kirk, Co-Vice Chair’s
Councillor M. Pearson

Absent:       Councillor B. McHattie – City Business
Councillor L. Ferguson – Vacation
C. Lei – Personal Business
S. Nowak – Personal Business

Also Present: M. Sergi, Manager, Community Planning and Design
M. House, Cultural Heritage Planner
A. Mikkila, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner
A. Golden, Heritage Planning Technician
C. Newman, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office

1.   CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

5.   ADDED HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

5.1   Delegated Approvals:

5.1.2 Approval of the installation of a pool, paving stones, and a fence under the terms of the Heritage Conservation Easement agreement between the property owner and the City of Hamilton, 355 Lima Court, Ancaster (Ward 12)

5.3   Heritage Permit Application HP2012-010 Under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act for Erection of Structures at 870 Beach Boulevard (Hamilton) (Ward 5)

7.   ADDED DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1   Nomination of Hamilton City Hall to the Canadian Register of Historic Places (Verbal Update) (M. House) (Outstanding Business List)
7.6 Optics and Ethics

9. **ADDED GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.2 Update respecting Sanford School

(Adkins/Wakeman)
That the agenda be approved, as amended.  CARRIED

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

(i) February 16, 2012 (Item 3.1)

(Kirk/Wakeman)
That the Minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, be approved.  CARRIED

4. **DELEGATION REQUESTS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)**

None

5. **HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 5)**

(i) **Delegated Approvals:**

(a) Heritage Permit Application (Four Replacement Windows) 72 Mill Street North (Waterdown) Mill Street Heritage Conservation District (Ward 15) (Item 5.1.1)

(b) Approval of the installation of a pool, paving stones, and a fence under the terms of the Heritage Conservation Easement agreement between the property owner and the City of Hamilton, 355 Lima Court, Ancaster (Ward 12) (Item 5.1.2)

(Adkins/Kirk)
That the delegated approval letters 5.1.1 through 5.1.2 be received.  CARRIED
(ii) Heritage Permit Application, 31 Cross Street, Dundas (Cross-Melville Heritage Conservation District) (Ward 13) (Item 5.2)

(Wakeman/Adkins)
That Heritage Permit Application, respecting 31 Cross Street, Dundas, be received. CARRIED

(iii) Heritage Permit Application HP2012-010 Under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act for Erection of Structures at 870 Beach Boulevard (Hamilton) (Ward 5) (Item 5.3)

Staff gave an overview of the permit application and went through the site plans.

(Kirk/Adkins)
That the Municipal Heritage Committee advise Council:

That Heritage Permit Application HP2012-010 be approved for the erection of a new single-detached residence, and attached garage, on the designated property at 870 Beach Boulevard (Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District) (Hamilton), subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the front and side façades of the new house shall be pre-finished wood or engineered wood cladding.

(b) That final elevation drawings showing the material, composition, brand, style, model, colour, and/or any other descriptive attributes for the proposed construction materials, including the building cladding, trim, roofing, windows, doors, porch columns and railings, soffits and eaves, shall be submitted to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to submission as part of any application for a Building Permit.

(c) That as many existing trees as possible shall be retained, and/or that one to three new trees of a minimum caliper of 55mm and of a species consistent with the City of Hamilton’s Tree Species and Recommended Use Index shall be planted within one year of occupancy of the new dwelling.

(d) That a plan depicting the removed, retained, and new trees, including the caliper size, locations, and species shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to any grading or tree removals.
(e) That the dimensions, design, and materials for any new fencing and gates shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to installation.

(f) That any minor changes to the site plan or building plans and elevations following approval shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of Planning staff, prior to submission as part of any application for a Building Permit.

(g) That construction and site alterations, in accordance with this approval, shall be completed no later than April 30, 2014. If the construction and site alterations are not completed by April 30, 2014, then this approval expires as of that date, and no alterations shall be undertaken without a new approval issued by the City of Hamilton.

6. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS (Item 6)

None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Nomination of Hamilton City Hall to the Canadian Register of Historic Places (Verbal Update) (M. House) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 7.1)

Staff indicated that a draft nomination has been started, but will require updating before it is submitted to Planning Committee for approval.

(Wakeman/Pearson)

(a) That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee supports the nomination of Hamilton City Hall to the Canadian Register of Historic Places;

(b) That staff be requested to update the nomination papers as required and submit them to Council for approval. **CARRIED**

(ii) Auchmar Gate House, Claremont Lodge (Verbal Update) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 7.2)

A meeting was held to discuss the property. The discussion surrounded the future of the building and the possibility of moving the house, but the cost of doing so makes it unlikely. The structure may be demolished, as restoration costs may be too high. If the property is going to be demolished, the Committee expressed an interest in insuring that features
of the house be preserved.

(Adkins/Pearson)
That the update respecting Auchmar Gate House, Claremont Lodge, be received.  
CARRIED

(iii) Coppley Building, 56 York Boulevard, Hamilton (Verbal Update) (Item 7.3)

Staff has done research on the previous designation but cannot find a reason why it was not passed. Staff indicated that they may have to start the designation process from the beginning, as there has been significant changes to the designation process.

(Adkins/Wakeman)
That the update respecting the Coppley Building, 56 York Boulevard, Hamilton, be received.  
CARRIED

(iv) Book Cemetery, 281 Book Road East, Ancaster (Verbal Update) (Item 7.4)

Staff indicated that a By-law will be coming forward to Council to clear up ownership issues with respect to many of the older cemeteries throughout the City. Once this By-law is passed, staff stated that they will move forward on the designation of Book Cemetery.

(Kirk/Rosart)
That the update respecting Book Cemetery, 281 Book Road East, Ancaster, be received.  
CARRIED

(v) Update respecting the Gore Master Plan, Public Stakeholders’ Meeting held Monday March 5th, 2012 (Verbal Update) (Item 7.5)

Mr. Adkins indicated that phase one is to begin in late spring, he was happy to see that ideas put forth by the public were incorporated into the design.

(Rosart/Wilson)
That the update respecting the Gore Master Plan, Public Stakeholders’ Meeting held Monday March 5th, 2012, be received.  
CARRIED
(vi) Optics and Ethics (Added Item 7.6)

Mr. Adkins introduced the matter, and indicated that the Committee may want to consider passing a motion to prevent the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee from nominating a member that sits on the Committee or any of its Sub Committees for an award. The Committee discussed the matter and ways that this matter could be addressed.

(Sinclair/Kirk)
That the item of Optics and Ethics be forwarded onto the Education and Communication Sub-Committee for further deliberations and report back to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee. CARRIED

8. Buildings and Landscapes (Item 8)

(a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

(i) Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L)(R) – M. Adkins, P. Wilson

No update

(ii) St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – M. Kirk

No update

(iii) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – B. McHattie

No update

(iv) Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (L) – W. Arndt

No update

(v) The Royal Connaught Hotel, 112 King Street East, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins

No update

(vi) Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – W. Rosart

No update
(vii) **(Thomas Building) – 46 – 52 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – R. Sinclair**

The building has been dismantled and its pieces are contained in a City facility.

**(Sinclair/Wilson)**
That the Thomas Building be moved to the Heritage Property Update section of the agenda. **CARRIED**

(viii) **All Saints Church, 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton (L) – A. Denham-Robinson**

No update

(ix) **Grove Hall, Gateview, Century Manor and surrounding landscape, 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton (L)(R)(D) – C. Lei**

No update

(x) **Erland Lee Home and Museum, 552 Ridge Road, Stoney Creek – K. Wakeman**

There will be a fundraiser held for the Erland Lee Home and Museum on March 24th at 1307 Woodburn Road.

(xi) **Federal Building, 150 Main Street West (L) – M. Adkins**

Excavation is taking place on the site. Staff indicated that they are not aware of a site plan submission or building permit approval for the property.

(b) **Buildings and Landscapes of Interest:**

(i) **Desjardins Canal, Dundas, Hamilton (R) – S. Nowak**

No update

(ii) **Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Building, 100 Main Street West, Hamilton – P. Wilson**

The building will not be taking part in Doors Open. The School Board indicated that they will be holding an open house at a later date.
(iii) **Stinson School, Hamilton, 200 Stinson Street, Hamilton – M. Adkins**

Work seems to have slowed at the location. There is scepticism if the building will be occupied by this August.

(iv) **Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – C. Lei**

Some of the windows have been broken and are now boarded up.

(c) **Heritage Properties Update:**

(i) **Lister Building, 28-44 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – B. McHattie**

City staff is moving in to the office space by the end of this month. The building will be participating in the Doors Open event.

(ii) **Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins**

New windows are going to be installed, and the owner would like to organize another tour once the work is complete.

9. **GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 9)**

(i) **Heritage Awards (Item 9.1)**

Chair Denham-Robinson offered her thanks to the Committee for their assistance in putting the Heritage Awards event together. In turn, the Committee expressed their appreciation for the Chair's work and leadership in executing the event.

(Adkins/Sinclair)

That the update respecting the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee's Heritage Awards, be received. **CARRIED**

(ii) **Update respecting Sanford School (Added Item 9.2)**

Mr. Wilson stated that a friend of his had spoken to the School Board, and he had contacted a City representative about the future of the building. The building’s future is uncertain, as it may be demolished to add additional green space to the community. The Committee discussed the possibility of demolition and other alternative solutions.

(Wilson/Adkins)

That staff be requested to provide the Heritage Committee with information pertaining to Sanford School. **CARRIED**
(Wilson/Adkins)
That staff be requested to provide the Heritage Committee with information pertaining to the closure of Hamilton Wentworth District School Board sites.  
CARRIED

(Sinclair/Wilson)
That Sanford School be added to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee’s list of Buildings of Interest.  
CARRIED

(Sinclair/Adkins)
That the Beach Canal Lighthouse be added to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee’s Endangered Buildings and Landscapes.  
CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Adkins/Pearson)
That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.
CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Denham-Robinson, Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator,
City Clerk’s Office
March 15, 2012