To: Chair and Members
Community Services Standing Committee

From: Walter G. Peace
Hamilton Historical Board
Signature of Chair

Date: October 18, 2006

Re: Little Africa Plaque

Recommendation:
That the wording for the Little Africa plaque, hereto attached and marked as Appendix A to Report No. 06-003(HHB), be approved.

Background:
On September 14, 2005 Council approved the Priority List for City of Hamilton commemorative plaques. Little Africa was approved as the subject for the 2006 plaque.

The attached wording was researched and authored by Mr. Robin McKee, citizen member of the Joint Plaquing Sub-committee. This wording was approved by the Ontario Heritage Trust 05 April 2006, by the Joint Plaquing Sub-committee at their meeting on 02 May 2006, by the Hamilton Historical Board at their meeting on 09 May 2006 and by the Municipal Heritage Committee-Hamilton LACAC at their meeting on 22 June 2006.

The plaque will be installed on Concession Street in the area of 'The Mission' referenced in the plaque. The dedication ceremony is tentatively planned for Emancipation Day, August 1, 2007.

Analysis/Rationale:
It is the mandate of the City of Hamilton Joint Plaquing Sub-committee to recognize Hamilton sites of architectural, prehistoric and/or historical importance with commemorative plaques. Plaques may be awarded for the following reasons.

   Historical/Prehistoric Importance
   • close association with a noteworthy person (to recognize his/her lasting importance; selected because of his/her association with the place)
   • close association with a noteworthy event
   • effectively illustrates a significant, broad pattern of cultural, social, political military, economic or industrial history or pre-history
Financial Implications:

Funding for the manufacture, installation and dedication of one commemorative plaque per year resides in the Manager of Culture’s budget allocation.

The Ontario Heritage Trust has approved funding of the Little Africa commemorative plaque to a maximum of $400.00 or 50% of the cost of manufacturing and installation (whichever is less).

Staff Consultation:

Yes X No □

Anna M. Bradford, Manager of Culture and Rebecca Oliphant, Culture Administration Assistant are staff liaisons to the City of Hamilton Joint Plaquing Sub-committee.