HAMILTON HISTORICAL BOARD

Presentation to the City of Hamilton Emergency and Community Services Committee

June 2, 2010
HHB Then...

- Convened in 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 Hamilton LACAC
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 15 citizen members, one rep from the Municipal Heritage Committee, and one rep from City Council
Achievements
2009-2010

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
2009-2010

2. Volunteering

• HHB members volunteer at museum events

• HHB members volunteer at community and local heritage events
3. Heritage Planning & Presentation

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

• The JPSC has researched, written, and approved nine commemorative and fifteen designation plaques.
4. Presenting Heritage, and Educating the Community through Publication

The Communications and Education Sub-Committee…

• continues to maintain the HHB interactive website - www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca,

• continues to administer the HHB Speakers Bureau - Historically Speaking,

• and continues to expand the HHB educational outreach programs to Hamilton schools.
4. 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 1500 copies per edition,

• and has developed the first in a planned series of Hamilton heritage *podwalks*. 

Achievements 2009-2010
5. Operating in a Consistent, Transparent, and Accountable Manner

The Communications and Education Sub-committee has developed an internal HHB Operations Manual (appended to handout) outlining policies, procedures and protocols.
6. Recognizing and Celebrating Hamilton’s Heritage

The Heritage Events Sub-Committee organized the 2010 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.
Achievements
2009-2010

6. Recognizing and Celebrating Hamilton’s Heritage

The HHB made inaugural presentations of the Susan E. Bennetto History Student Awards and the Hamilton History Student of the Year Award: a cash prize sponsored by Hamilton HIStory+HERitage.

The Heritage Events Sub-committee has successfully proposed that the City celebrate the August Civic Holiday annually as George Hamilton Day.
The Hamilton Historical Board is planning for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 as part of the City’s commemorative programs.

To-date:
• 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.

- HHB includes liaison members from the Municipal Heritage Committee and City Council.
## 2009 Budget & Expenditures

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| Total | **$14,340.00** | **$10,542.26** |
| ****$3,797.74 transferred to Reserve Account** |
## 2010 Budget & Expenditures (to May 31, 2010)

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A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB Projects 2009-2017

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

• supporting the celebration of George Hamilton Day

• developing and implementing a special city-wide heritage recognition event program in 2011
A View to the Future

Upcoming HHB Projects 2009-2017

• increasing distribution and revenues of 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 2009-2017

• 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 2009-2017

• 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

• Various museum re-development projects: Dundurn, Fieldcote, Children's Museum, Whitehern, Steam Museum, Battlefield, Military Museum, Griffin House

• Long-range planning for the Hamilton and Scourge National Historic Site
Recommended Criteria for Selection of Members for the Hamilton Historical Board

The composition of the Hamilton Historical Board reflects the spectrum of historical and heritage interests in the community including, but not necessarily exclusive to: archaeology, architectural and heritage preservation, archives, arts, education, indigenous culture, maps and topography, as well as local heritage organizations.

The Hamilton Historical Board is a working team, where all members participate in museum oversight and heritage presentation.
Criteria
Successful candidates…
• have an interest in Hamilton history and heritage
• have an interest in the presentation of Hamilton history and heritage
• endeavor to attend regularly scheduled Board meetings
• take a liaison role with one of the Civic Museums
• participate on one HHB working sub-committee
• share their skills and expertise
• volunteer at heritage events
• function as a team-player
• have access to the internet

Successful candidates also reflect at least one or more of:
• a working knowledge of Hamilton history
• communication skills
• research skills
• marketing skills
• interpersonal skills
• computer and media literacy
• planning skills
• organizational skills
• program design skills
• management skills
• leadership skills
Thank You!

Bill Manson, Chair
Robin McKee, Vice-Chair
Dr. Mary Anderson
Deborah Eker
Robert Hamilton
Dr. Christine Lei
Carolyn McCann
Susanne Noordyk
Dr. Walter Peace
Michael Sangermano
Pat Saunders
Cdr. Robert Williamson
Kathy Wakeman
Councillor Russ Powers

Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager,
Museums and Heritage Presentation
Jason Ryan, Coordinator,
Heritage Presentation
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