Present: A. French (Chair), A. Denham-Robinson (Vice Chair)
Councillors B. Bratina and B. McHattie
M. Adkins, A. Charlton, M. Kirk, R. Simpson, S. Stewart-Greene,
F. Thorp-Neufeld, K. Wakeman, S. Wray and G. Zajac

Absent with
Regrets Councillor M. Pearson, City Business

Also Present: D. Cuming, Acting Manager Community Planning and Design
J. Muller, Cultural Heritage Planner
M. House, Cultural Heritage Planner
F. Thibeault, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner
I. Bedioui, City Clerk’s Office

Welcome New Members
The Chair welcomed new members Richard Simpson and George Zajac and invited
them to introduce themselves to Committee.
Chair French noted that this was co-op student Fred Thibeault’s last meeting as he
will be returning to university.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)
The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

(a) Added Item 5(a), a Council Follow-up Notice respecting approval of the
recommendations of the Governance Review Sub-Committee
regarding sub-committee logos. A copy was distributed by e-mail and
hard copies are distributed today.

(b) Verbal update from Michael Adkins respecting a tour of the inside of
the Lister Block added to Item 9(b).

(c) Added Item 10.7, a copy of a letter from the Chair of the Hamilton
Municipal Heritage Committee to Council respecting the Committee’s
 resolution regarding the alterations to the exterior of Hamilton City Hall. 
– Referred to the City Hall Renovations Committee.

(d) Added Item 10.8, thank you letter from the Chair to Pat Hartnett

(e) Added Item 10.9, thank you letter from the Chair to Bill Manson

(Adkins/Kirk)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
None declared.

3. DELEGATION REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS (Item 3)

3.1 Klaas Klaver respecting 372 Butter Road West Ancaster and Council’s recent decision concerning the protection of heritage buildings. (Approved November 27, 2008).

Mr. Klaver’s withdrawal of his delegation request was noted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(Charlton/Wray)
That the Minutes of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting dated November 27, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Item 5)

(a) Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee logo (A. Denham – no copy) (Item 5.1)

(i) Council Follow-up Notice respecting approval of the recommendations of the Governance Review Sub-Committee regarding sub-committee logos. (Added 5.1(a))

Alissa Denham-Robinson presented samples of logos for the Committee’s consideration.

A discussion followed and after some debate, the Committee approved the following motion:
(McHattie/Charlton)
(a) That the symbol with the chimney representing Auchmar, attached hereto as Appendix A, be selected as the logo of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee;

(b) That logo be forward to the Governance Review Sub-committee for approval.

CARRIED

(b) Committee Year End Report (A. Denham-Robinson – no copy) (Item 5.2)
Copies of the Minutes of the Education Sub-Committee were distributed.

Alissa Denham-Robinson addressed Committee and referred to Item 2 of the Minutes respecting the Heritage Committee’s Year End Report. She provided an overview of the proposed contents and indicated that information and wording respecting the Plaquing Sub-Committee were still required.

She advised that the plan is to present a Draft report at the next meeting in January and the final report to be ready in February.

A discussion followed respecting the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee awards and when they can be presented as the status of the Heritage Day ceremonies for 2009 is unsure.

Frances Thorp-Neufeld indicated that she is working with the Ward Councillor to hold the award presentation ceremonies in Dundas.

Kathy Wakeman suggested that the presentation ceremonies be held in other former area municipalities on a rotating basis. The year 2013, which is the anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek, would be an ideal year to hold the ceremonies in Stoney Creek possibly in the Nash/Jackson House.

(Charlton/Wray)
That the following be nominated for the 2008 Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Heritage Property Conservation Awards:

(a) The Crozier Residence, Dundas (Designated Residential Property)
(b) 2 Hatt Street, Dundas (Listed Commercial Property - Adaptive Reuse)
(c) London Tap House, Hamilton (Listed Property – Adaptive re-use)
(d) CIBC building on Locke Street, (Designated - Judy Marsales Real Estate Office)

CARRIED

(c) Heritage Impact Assessment for St. Joseph’s Healthcare (Mountain Campus), 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton (M. House – no copy) (Item 5.3)

Meghan House addressed Committee and acknowledged that the circulated concept, which she e-mailed to the Members following the last meeting, is not final and it has not yet been determined what effects the development will have on the heritage buildings and landscape. She explained that the circulated concept is intended to provide the basis for a Request for Proposals process involving the evaluation of several additional designs. The final design chosen by the hospital may not resemble the circulated concept, which involves moving Hickory House to the original hospital site and the conservation and reuse of Grove Hall and the Gate House.

After a discussion by members on this matter Committee approved the following motion:

Charlton/Wray
That the proponent be advised that the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee:

(a) accepts the submitted report as an adequate "heritage assessment" and description of the former Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital site, its history and heritage attributes;

(b) does not accept the documentation as a complete "impact assessment", as the submitted work only provides general recommendations and does not address any adverse or beneficial effects of a specific development and resultant built form and landscape design on the existing cultural heritage landscape and built heritage resources; and

(c) that a complete Heritage Impact Assessment should be submitted to evaluate the actual impacts of the proposed development and the mitigation of these impacts upon cultural heritage.

CARRIED
(d) Letter from the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration respecting Ontario’s volunteer recognition program (A. French – no copy) (Item 5.4)

The Committee briefly discussed the criteria for nominations and noted that testimonials are required such as a letter from the Committee.

(Denham-Robinson/Wakeman)
That Spencer McKee be nominated for the youth award.

CARRIED

(Thorp-Neufeld/Stewart-Greene)
That Bill Manson be nominated for the Ontario Volunteer Recognition Award, subject to meeting the criteria.

CARRIED

(e) Auchmar Coach House – Columbia College update (M. House – no copy) (Item 5.5)

Meghan House advised Committee that there have been no further negotiations with Columbia College since the motion by Council. One of the stumbling blocks may be Council’s requirement that the College would be responsible for all costs.

A brief discussion followed on other possible suitable tenants. The Committee was advised that Community Services staff was directed to search for an appropriate tenant.

The Committee requested a further update from staff on the status and timing of Council’s aforementioned direction.

6. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 6)

(a) Delegated Approvals (Item 6.1):

(i) Heritage Permit Application (replacement of one window), 193 Delaware Avenue, Hamilton – St. Clair Avenue Heritage Conservation District (Ward 3) (Item 6.1.1)

(ii) Heritage Permit Application (reshingling and flashing) 30 York Street Dundas – Original Hatt property, By-law No. 4370-97 (Ward 13) (Item 6.1.2)
(iii) Heritage Permit Application (lighting fixture), 211 Ferguson Avenue South, Hamilton – 4 units of 5-unit Rowhouse, By-law No. 95-161 (Ward 2) (Item 6.1.3)

(iv) Heritage Permit Application (temporary protection measures), 28-44 James Street North, Hamilton – Lister Block, By-law No. 96-175 (Ward 2) (Item 6.1.4)

(v) Heritage Permit Application (masonry repointing), 26 Markland Street, Hamilton – Durand-Markland Heritage Conservation District (Ward 2) (Item 6.1.5)

(vi) 2008 Heritage Permit Tracking Sheet (M. House) (Item 6.1.6)

(Mchattie/Charlton)
That Items 6(a)(i) to (vi) be received.

CARRIED

(b) Staff Reports/Recommendations (Item 6.2.1):
None

7. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS (Item 7)
(a) 2008 Heritage Property Designations
(b) 2009-2012 Requests to Designate Properties Priorities

(Wakeman/Thorp Neufeld)
That Items 7(a) and (b) be received.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)
(a) 2009 Work Plan (A. French - no copy) (Item 8.1)

The Chair indicated that he has compiled a list of 17 priorities and goals from the 2008 Minutes. After providing a brief verbal overview, he indicated that an electronic copy of the list will be e-mailed to the Members, through the Clerk, for consideration on the January 09 agenda.
(Charlton/Denham-Robinson)
That Item B of the Outstanding Business List be amended by changing the date for the Work Plan from 2008 to 2009.

CARRIED

9. Buildings and Landscapes (Item 6)

(a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

(i) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie

Councillor McHattie indicated that City Housing Hamilton is no longer pursuing the purchase of Treble Hall at this time but has purchased another building on King Street.

(ii) Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie

Councillor McHattie indicated that the owners have submitted all the requisite permits on schedule.

David Cuming confirmed that the project is proceeding very well and three to four heritage permit applications will be required, not just one.

Michael Adkins advised that he has had the opportunity to tour the inside of the building. LIUNA and Highrise staff were very accommodating. He advised that the interior has been destroyed by the weather or by vandals and extensive work will be required, however, structurally the building is very sound. LIUNA and Highrise are cooperating with the renovations. (Added Item)

(iii) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D)

No updates.

George Zajac volunteered to monitor this building.

(iv) Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins

No updates.

(v) St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – S. Stewart-Greene

No updates.
(vi) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie

Councillor McHattie advised that the Youth Ballet Ensemble still owns the building and once it adopts its final plan, it will need a capital campaign.

He indicated that City Housing Hamilton is considering possibly using the front section of the property for artist housing and suggested that Jeremy Freiburger of the Imperial Cotton Centre for the Arts may be interested in such a project.

(vii) Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (L) – A. Charlton

No updates

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

Michael Adkins reported that the building is securely boarded up.

(ix) Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – A. Charlton

No updates

(x) 46 - 52 James Street North -

Sue Stewart-Greene volunteered to monitor this building.

(b) Buildings and Landscapes of Concern

(i) Federal Building, 150 Main Street West – M. Adkins

Michael Adkins advised the building has been securely boarded up at street level.

(ii) 2 Hatt Street, Dundas – F. Thorp-Neufeld

No updates

(iii) Dundas Post Office, Dundas – F. Thorp-Neufeld

No updates
(iv) Old Lyric Theatre, 14 Mary Street, Hamilton
Richard Simpson volunteered to monitor this building.

(v) 795 Old Highway 8, the former Rockton Hotel Livery Stable
Sylvia Wray volunteered to monitor this building.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) Letter from Art French to Mr. J. A. Craik, Chair of the Board of Directors, Mark Preece Family House respecting recent fire which destroyed the Mark Preece house. (Item 10.1)

Art French referred to the letter which he indicated he wrote to the Chair of the Board of Directors, at Ann Charlton’s suggestion, and he advised that the feedback received is one of appreciation for Committee’s support. The fire is now a criminal investigation.

(b) Letter from Gordon Birk, of the Head of the Lake Historical Society, respecting the 20th Annual Heritage Dinner. (Item 10.2)

Sue Stewart-Greene indicated that she will try to attend this event.

(c) 2009 Meeting Schedule (L. Bedioui) (Item 10.3)

The Clerk advised that due to the on-going renovations at City Hall, parking passes will be provided to the members only for the month of January (2009) as parking staff are reviewing parking availability. Sue Stewart-Greene noted that she does not require a pass.

(d) 2008 Commercial Heritage Improvement and Restoration Program (CHIRP) & Hamilton Community Heritage Fund (HCHF) Applications (M. House) (Item 10.4)

For information, no discussion.

(e) Hamilton Downtown Heritage Property Grant Program (M. House) (Item 10.5)

For information, no discussion.
(f) Verbal update respecting Item A of the Outstanding Business List respecting supplying information to new owners of designated properties – (M. House) (Item 10.6)

Meghan House, provided a verbal update advising that now that a technical glitch with the database has been addressed, staff will be able to send information packages containing a courtesy/congratulations letter, information respecting grants and loans, a Heritage Permit brochure and application form, and a copy of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Annual Report to new owners of designated properties.

In response to a question, she noted that most designations are registered on title except for properties within the Heritage Conservation Districts, as they were designated prior to this being a requirement under the Ontario Heritage Act. Staff will be able to inform new owners of properties within the designated districts with the information package to eliminate this gap.

(Adkins/Charlton)
That Item A respecting supplying information to new owners of designated properties be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(g) Copy of letter from the Chair of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee to Council respecting the Committee’s resolution regarding the alterations to the exterior of Hamilton City Hall.
(Added Item 10.7)

For information, no discussion.

(h) Thank you letter from the Chair to Pat Hartnett (Added Item 10.9)

For information, no discussion.

(i) Thank you letter from the Chair to Bill Manson (Added Item 10.10)

For information, no discussion.

11. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Added delegation
(Adkins/Stewart-Greene)

That the Rules of Procedure be waived to allow Robin McKee to address Committee from the gallery.

CARRIED

Robin McKee delivered correspondence to the Chair requesting designation of 262 MacNab Street North, Hamilton. The Chair indicated that the letter will be referred to staff for appropriate action. Mr. McKee inquired as to who sets the priorities for designation and staff responded that it is Council that sets the priorities as per the new process approved by Council on October 29, 2008.

(b) Season’s Greetings

David Cuming addressed Committee and indicated that he and his staff would like to thank everyone for their considerable volunteer efforts during this busy, challenging year and for their patience with the staff turn around. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

(Charlton/Wray)

There being no further business, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Art French, Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

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Legislative Assistant
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee
December 18, 2008