The meeting was called to order.

Chair Dent welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Donna Reid and Walter Buchko for their participation as members on the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee). It was also noted that Libby Toews, who has also not reapplied for a new term as a Committee member, has agreed to remain on the Committee until a representative from Dundas can be found to replace her.

Chair Dent then announced the names of the new Committee members whose term will commence on December 1, 2005. The new members are Bill Manson (Citizen at Large), Patricia Hartnett (Citizen at Large) and, a returning member; Art French (Glanbrook).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 1)

There were none declared.
2. **CHANGES TO AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Clerk noted the following changes, which were approved:

(i) Added as Item 7.4 - Request for Designation of 846 Highway 8, Stoney Creek

(ii) Added as 8.1 – a Motion brought forward by Councillor Pearson respecting the Removal of Items from the Endangered Buildings List.

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

(Pearson/Reid)

That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) meeting minutes, dated October 27, 2005, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

There were none.

5. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)**

5.1 **York Boulevard Bike Lanes Class Environmental Assessment – Potential Impacts on the McQuesten Bridge (Designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (S. Kapusin/H. Solomon)**

Sonja Kapusin and Hart Solomon, Manager of Traffic Engineering and Operations reviewed the status of the York Boulevard Commuter Cycling Class Environmental Assessment, and discussed the alternatives to-date and potential implications for the McQuesten Bridge, which is designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

It was determined that after staff’s consultation with Ontario Heritage Trust that the preferred option with least impact would be pavement markings only.

S. Kapusin advised the Committee that there would be no changes to the McQuesten Bridge, but that on-street bike paths with the potential of paint markings (on the roadway only) were being proposed.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at Sir John A. MacDonald High School. S. Kapusin agreed to forward an electronic copy of the PIC package, when available to the Clerk for distribution to the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee).
(Pearson/Reid)
That the presentation be received.

CARRIED

5.2 266-268 King Street East and 270-280 King Street East (St. Deny’s Apartments), Hamilton, Ontario (Ron Marini, Director, Downtown Renewal)

R. Marini informed the Committee of the City of Hamilton’s Enterprise Zone tax savings program, and noted several properties within the City that the program has assisted (11 Rebecca Street, etc.).

The property owner at 266-268 King Street East and 270-280 King Street East (St. Deny’s Apartments), Hamilton, Ontario has submitted an application to the Enterprise Zone program in order that the owner may redevelop the property to accommodate a new apartment building.

It was noted by R. Marini that one of the conditions of the Program is that public funds could not be directed to projects which required the demolition of heritage properties (whether listed or designating). R. Marini requested the Committee de-list the properties at 266-268 King Street East and 270-280 King Street East (St. Deny’s Apartments), Hamilton, Ontario in order that the City could move forward with the property owner’s application.

Mr. Marini presented a letter from the Downtown International Village B.I.A.’s Board of Management, which was in support of the owner’s request to de-list the property in order that the owner may qualify for the Program.

(Pearson/McHattie)
That the presentation be received.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Pearson)
That the properties at 266-268 King Street East and 270-280 King Street East (St. Deny’s Apartments), Hamilton, Ontario be de-listed as heritage properties in order that the property owner may make use of the Enterprise Zone program.

CARRIED

Art French was noted as OPPOSED.

6. DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

6.1 Mr. Lorne Haverty respecting 266-268 King Street East and 270-280 King Street East (St. Deny’s Apartments), Hamilton, Ontario – Request to Remove from City of Hamilton Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Interest
Lorne Haverty, architect for the owner of 266-268 King Street East and 270-280 King Street East (St. Deny’s Apartments), addressed the Committee and provided an overview of the buildings current structural status and circulated a copy of the draft plan for the proposed, new apartment building.

Mr. Haverty noted that the building has been vacant since 1991 when it was purchased by the current owner in 1996.

Mr. Haverty informed the Committee that the building was currently not viable, it had a wood floor, the ceiling had collapsed in the middle, the walls were in disrepair due to frost and weather damage; therefore, the owner would not be able to save the building.

It was originally discussed that there was a possibility of preserving the façade; however, after further review and the requirement of year-round parking for each apartment unit, it was determined that this would not be possible.

The proposed design showed an 11-story structure comprised of 123 apartment suites with commercial suites on the first floor and apartments on floors 2 through 11.

The first storey will be commercial suites with glass doors and larger windows, and 2 accesses to the building’s parking structure, which will be set-back 20 feet from the sidewalk. Just above the residential suites will be a decorative band across the front referencing early 20th century architecture and maintaining continuity with the adjacent properties on King Street.

The second and third floors will be residential. The remaining eight levels will have approximately a 10 foot set-back so that from street level the upper floors will have less visual impact.

The property owner, Mr. Haverty and the City’s Heritage and Urban Design staff have been working closely together to achieve a design solution that will achieve the objectives of the Downtown Secondary Plan.

(McHattie/Pearson)
That the presentation be received.  

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

7.1 Lighthouse and Keeper’s Cottage – Proposed Replacement Plaque
Text, written by Robin McKee

7.1(a) Lighthouse Keepers Pre-amalgamation Plaque Wording

(Pearson/Art)
That Items 7. – Lighthouse and Keeper’s Cottage – Proposed Replacement Plaque Text written by Robin McKee, and 7.1(a) – Lighthouse Keepers Pre-amalgamation Plaque Wording, be referred to the Joint Plaquing Subcommittee for discussion.

CARRIED

**7.2 Tweedside Church, 1145 Mud Street, Stoney Creek, Ontario – Memorial Cairn and Signage**

An article from Better Farming magazine, dated November 2005 entitled “Lament for a Country Church” was forwarded by Art French and Kathy Wakeman to the Committee for discussion and consideration. The article is regarding a church site, which had the church building demolished, and a sign and cairn erected on the site to commemorate the former church and existing cemetery.

K. Wakeman was proposing that this be considered for Tweedside Church, 1145 Mud Street, Stoney Creek, which is scheduled for demolition in the near future.

(Wakeman/Pearson)
That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) investigate the placement of a sign and/or cairn at the Tweedside Church site at 1145 Mud Street, Stoney Creek.

CARRIED

**7.3 Tweedsmuir School, 50 Victoria Avenue North, Hamilton, Ontario – Housing Conversion Request by Carl Turkstra**

An e-mail from the Project Coordinator, Facility Services, Fleet and Facilities Division, was provided by D. Reid with respect to the scheduled demolition of Tweedsmuir School for the week of December 5, 2005.

Chair Dent had noted that there was interest, shown by Carl Turkstra, on behalf of Options for Homes Hamilton, in the possibility of housing conversion as an alternate to demolition.

(McHattie/Pearson)
That the demolition of Tweedsmuir School, 50 Victoria Avenue North, Hamilton, Ontario, currently scheduled for the week of December 5, 2005, be postponed until discussions with Options for Homes Hamilton has taken place.

CARRIED

**7.4 Request for Designation of 846 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, Ontario**

Staff presented a request from the property owner of 846 Highway 8, Stoney Creek and provided a brief overview of the property’s heritage attributes.
That staff be directed to carry out a cultural heritage assessment of 846 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, to determine whether the property is worthy of designation, and further that if the property is determined to be of cultural heritage value or interest that staff prepare a statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Description of Heritage Attributes for consideration by the City of Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) through its appropriate subcommittee.

CARRIED

MOTIONS (Item 8)

8.1 Removal of Items from the Endangered Buildings List

That the following buildings be removed from the Endangered Buildings List: (1) Hamilton City Hall; (2) Tweedside Church; (3) the Former CIBC Building, and (4) Carnegie Gallery.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

8.2 Former Strathcona Fire Hall, 37 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton, ON

Councillor McHattie drew to the attention of the Committee proposed plans for the Old Strathcona Fire Hall. Staff advised that the property was designated at one time by the former City of Hamilton but was subsequently de-designated

That the former Strathcona Fire Hall, 37 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton, be added to the Endangered Buildings List.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 9)

9.1 Joint Plaquing Sub-committee Minutes

9.1.1 Minutes of the October 4, 2005 Joint Plaquing Sub-committee Meeting

9.1.2 Minutes of the November 7, 2005 Joint Plaquing Sub-committee Meeting

That the minutes of the October 4, 2005 and the November 7, 2005 Joint Plaquing Sub-committee meetings be received.

CARRIED

9.2 Heritage Permit Review Sub-committee – No update.
9.3 Education Sub-committee

9.3.1 Minutes of the October 24, 2005 Education Sub-committee Meeting

9.4 Inventory and Research Sub-committee – No update.

9.5 Policy Sub-committee – No update.

9.6 Plaquing Priority Sub-committee – No update.

9.7 Endangered Buildings:

9.7.1 Victoria Hall, 68 King Street East (NHS, D) – P. Shaker
No update.

9.7.2 Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – D. Reid
No update.

9.7.3 Red Hill Creek Valley, Hamilton (L, ND) – Councillor M. Pearson
No update.

9.7.4 Lister Block, 28-40 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent

D. Cuming advised Committee that the Heritage Impact Assessment
had been submitted and staff will be meeting to review the report.
Information will be forwarded to the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal
Heritage Committee) at a future meeting.

9.7.5 Auchmar Estate, 88 Fennell Avenue, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent

D. Cuming noted that a report outlining the cost of repairs required for
the Auchmar Estate has been forwarded to the 2006 budget
deliberations for consideration.

D. Reid noted that Doors Open has received confirmation that the
Auchmar Estate will be available for viewing during Doors Open
Hamilton, which takes place May 6th and 7th, 2005.

The Clerk was requested to notify the Director of Development and
Real Estate and the Executive Director or Tourism and Convention
Services, with respect to use of the Auchmar Estate for Doors Open
Hamilton in 2006.

9.7.6 Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton (ND) – W. Buchko
No update.
9.7.7 Smart-Turner Building, 191 Barton Street E. (ND, L) – D. Dent

D. Cuming advised Committee that Hospital Family Houses of Ontario has requested to appear as a delegation at the December 6, 2005, Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting.

9.7.8 Carnegie Gallery, 10 King Street West, Dundas (D) – M. Stark

No update.

9.7.9 St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent

No update.

9.7.10 Tweedside Church, 1145 Mud Street, Stoney Creek (L) – K. Wakeman

No further update.

9.7.11 Former CIBC Building, 281 Herkimer Street, Hamilton (L) – P. Shaker

The staff report on the proposed designation will be going forward to the December 6, 2005 meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

9.7.12 Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton – D. Reid

No update.

9.7.13 Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster – A. Charlton

No update.

9.8 Peter’s Corners – Cultural Heritage Assessment Report for Listed Property and MTO Options for Intersection Improvements

9.9 St. Mark’s Church – Structural Report prepared by S. P. Design Inc., dated June 2005

9.10 Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Brochure

9.11 Auchmar – Limited Structural Inspection Report

9.12 Results of the 2005 Waterdown – East Flamborough Heritage Society Book Fair

10. ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Shaker/Reid)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:24 p.m.