MINUTES: Hamilton Historical Board  
Tuesday, September 14, 2010 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
City Centre – Suite 305 Board Room

CHAIR: Bill Manson  
MINUTE TAKER: Jason Ryan

PRESENT: Deborah Eker, Carolyn McCann, Pat Saunders, Mary Anderson, Rob Hamilton, Michael Sangermano, Bob Williamson, Susanne Noordyk, Christine Lei, Robin McKee

STAFF: Ian Kerr-Wilson

REGRETS: Councillor Russ Powers, Kathy Wakeman

CHAIR’S REMARKS (Attached)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
That the September Agenda of the Hamilton Historical Board be approved.  
(Saunders/Anderson)  APPROVED

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST  
None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2010 (attached)  
That the July minutes of the Hamilton Historical Board be approved.  
(Eker/Saunders)  APPROVED

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION  
4.1. Hamilton Historical Board at Open Streets  
That the Hamilton Historical Board host an information table at the Open Streets program, James Street North, on Sunday, September 26, 2010 and that volunteer members of the HHB be present throughout the program, 10am-3pm.  
Volunteers: S. Noordyk, M. Anderson, P. Saunders, B. Manson, D. Eker  
(Eker/Noordyk)  APPROVED

4.2. Hamilton Historical Board at the 150th Anniversary of the Crystal Palace  
That the Hamilton Historical Board host an information table at the Crystal Palace celebrations, Victoria Park, on Sunday, September 19, 2010 and that volunteer members of the HHB be present throughout the program, 2-5pm.  
Volunteers: P. Saunders, S. Noordyk, D. Eker  
(Saunders/Lei)  APPROVED
5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1. Committee Reports including updates on HHB 1812 Bicentennial Projects (5 minutes each for questions)

5.1.1. Communications & Education Sub-committee – Bill Manson
- Theme of Governance in upcoming issue has been stricken, will be pursued in a future issue
  - Proposed theme for next issue will highlight Auchmar
- Call for articles will be circulated shortly
- Standing columns will return in next issue

5.1.2. Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee – Bob Williamson
- Michael Adkins organized tour of 86 Herkimer Apartments; tour displayed quality craftsmanship and reuse of materials in reconstruction of new condos
  - Suggestion to receive a Heritage Recognition Plaque in 2011
- New plaque manufacturing company has been hired – Fast Signs
- Upcoming plaque unveiling at Victoria Park in honour of The First Royal Visit to Hamilton
- Hatt ‘Red’ Mill plaque location has been improved, as the plaque is now accessible for viewing
- Jockey Club plaque has been installed at The Centre on Barton food pavilion

5.1.3. Heritage Events Sub-Committee – Pat Saunders
- On schedule with planning and programming of annual events
- Special thanks to all Board members for participating and helping to create a very successful event
- Year Long Event: McQuesten – Planning is underway; sub-committee and staff are working on a marketing plan

That the reports of Item 5.1 be received.

(McCann/Lei)          CARRIED

5.2. Questions Arising from Other Reports/Projects (5 minutes each for questions)

5.2.1. Municipal Heritage Committee – Kathy Wakeman
- No report

5.2.2. Museums & Heritage Presentation Report – Ian Kerr-Wilson
- No new significant projects on work plan
- All current projects are on track and have no new updates

5.2.3. War of 1812 Bicentennial C.A.C. - Robin McKee
- No report
- First meeting scheduled for October

5.2.4. Maple Leaf Forever - Bob Williamson
- First performance of Maple Leaf Forever took place at George Hamilton Day ceremony
- Have received feedback indicating the original was preferred
  - Must ensure, through communication, that this version is not a replacement, but a compliment to the original and intended to commemorate the War of 1812
- Positive feedback received from Niagara Legacy Council
- Request from R. Hamilton to receive lyrics for presentation to music staff at Buchanan Park elementary school

That the reports of Item 5.2 be received.

(Hamilton/Eker)          CARRIED
5.3. **HHB Budget/Work Plan**

5.3.1. **2010 Work Plan – Bill Manson**
- Update-to-date, everything moving forward as planned

5.3.2. **2010 Budget – Bill Manson/Ian Kerr-Wilson**
- Chair and staff to review current budget to ensure everything is on track

That the reports of Item 5.3 be received.

(Noordyk/Lei) CARRIED

5.4. **Other HHB Business**

5.4.1. **Grounds Use Requests**
- None

5.4.2. **Other HHB War of 1812 Bicentennial Projects - Bill Manson**

5.4.2.1. **Commemorative Medal**
- B. Williamson to meet with Member of Parliament to discuss the merits and specifications of a Bicentennial medal

5.4.2.2. **Commemorative Coin**
- No new information to report

5.4.2.3. **Commemorative Stamp**
- No new information to report

That the reports of Item 5.4 be received

(Noordyk/Saunders) CARRIED

5.5. **Questions Arising from Museum Reports (5 minutes each for questions)**

5.5.1. **Battlefield House Museum & Park – Michael Sangermano**
- On August 29th, a ceremony took place commemorating Smith’s Knoll

5.5.2. **Hamilton Children’s Museum – Carolyn McCann**
- Museum is currently closed for exhibit renovations, will reopen in October

5.5.3. **Dundurn National Historic Site – Pat Saunders**
- *Guiltless Feast* vegetarian workshop cancelled due to low numbers
- Request to provide monthly admission passes to museums
- Many issues stand in the way of making this happen, which means monthly museum passes cannot happen in the near future
  - Program is being considered, but will take time before implementation

5.5.4. **Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum – Christine Lei**
- Attendance over summer 2010 has been higher than in previous years, largely in part to agreeable weather

5.5.5. **Griffin House – Robin McKee**
- Request for donations at door to continue, versus admission rates

5.5.6. **Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology – Rob Hamilton**
- Nominal increase in attendance over previous years, but worth highlighting the importance of community partnerships
- Original water reservoir to be pursued for inclusion in the Commemorative Integrity Statement for HMST

5.5.7. **Whitehern Historic House & Garden – Mary Anderson**
- New curator Tom Minnes will setup meeting to discuss McQuesten Rose

5.5.8. **Programme Committee – Bill Manson**
- Continuing to strengthen of programming ties between HHB and museums

That the reports of Item 5.5 be received

(Hamilton/Anderson) CARRIED
6. **New Business**

6.1. **Establishment of Hamilton Museum & Archive**

Motion that a sub-committee of HHB be formed to investigate and report back to the Board the establishment of a Hamilton Museum & Archive and to structure a process by which a proposal can be drafted and presented to Council and Staff.

(Hamilton/Anderson) **APPROVED**

Rob Hamilton will stand as Chair of sub-committee
Members include D. Eker, R. McKee, C. McCann, P. Saunders, C. Lei

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7. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 12:30pm – 2:30pm
City Centre – Suite 305 Board Room
## OUTSTANDING BUSINESS
Hamilton Historical Board

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<td>Development of Article for Wikipedia</td>
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<td>Originally discussed in March, the sub-committee tabled this project due to other presentation priorities and a lack of human resources at that time.</td>
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