HAMILTON HISTORICAL BOARD

Presentation to Emergency and Community Services
September 17, 2008
A Brief History

• first convened in 1973
• originally a sub-committee of the Parks & Recreation Committee
• mandate to oversee the operation of the civic museums
• membership of 2 members of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 12 citizens, 1 representative from LACAC
Who We Are Today

- meet monthly
- advise Council, supported by the Culture Division and reporting through the Emergency & Community Services
- oversee 7 civic museums, advise Council on heritage matters, and promote the awareness and appreciation of Hamilton’s history
- 15 citizens, 1 representative from Municipal Heritage Committee
Changes 1973 - 2008

- increased accountability and responsibility
- more museums
- more members
- expanded mandate
- since 2001, a citizen committee without Council representation
Achievements 2006-2008

1. Overseeing Hamilton’s Civic Museums

- HHB member liaisons are assigned to each museum and report monthly
- HHB monitors museums, approves grounds-use requests, and addresses specific issues, around the public use of the buildings and properties
Achievements 2006-2008

2. Volunteering

• HHB members volunteer at museum events
• HHB members volunteer at community events
Achievements 2006-2008

3. Heritage Plaquing

• HHB members sit on the City’s Joint (HHB/MHC) Plaquing Sub-committee
• Since January 2006, the Sub-committee has researched, written, approved, and unveiled 15 commemorative, 12 designation, and 3 specialty plaques
Achievements 2006-2008

4. Educating
   • HHB Communications and Education Subcommittee produced
     • 15 Hamilton Ward history fact sheets
     • HistoriCITY: HHB quarterly newsletter
     • Legacy: HHB annual journal (commencing December 2009)
Achievements 2006-2008

4. Educating (continued)

1. a new HHB website
   www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca
2. the HHB Speakers’ Bureau
3. presentations to various audiences, all presented free of charge
Achievements 2006-2008

5. Communicating & Collaborating

- Advises the City on matters concerning all communities that comprise Hamilton’s prehistoric and historic heritage
- Communicates and collaborates with public and private groups on heritage
- Requests a liaison member of MHC to sit on HHB
Upcoming Projects 2008-2017

- Launch of Legacy: the annual Journal of the HHB in 2009
- Bringing Hamilton history and heritage to classrooms
- Battlefield Landscape project
- Dundurn Renaissance project
- Hamilton and Scourge project
• Expansions at Children’s Museum, Fieldcote and Museum of Steam and Technology restoration and expansion
• 150th anniversary of the first Royal Visit to Hamilton in 2010
• Special city-wide heritage event in 2011
• Bicentennial of the War of 1812 in 2012 - 14
• Canada’s Sesquicentennial in 2017
## 2006

### Approved Budget

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2007

Approved Budget $3889

Meeting Expenses for Hamilton Historical Board (HHB) and Joint-Plaquing Sub-committee (JPSC):

• 12 HHB Meetings
• 10 JPSC Meetings
• 2 full day Work Plan and Budget Retreats

Special Projects: $200
• Heritage Day Program

Transferred to Reserve to offset 2008 venue rental for Heritage Day $1700
2008

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As of 31-Aug-08

Meeting Expenses for HHB and JPSC: $2,264
- 8 HHB Meetings
- 7 JPSC Meetings
- 2 Work Plan and Budget Retreats

Publications: $899
- historiCITY Newsletter – February & June
- Ward Historical Fact Sheets

Special Projects: $1,180
- Heritage Day Program
- Doors Open Hamilton
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**Committed to December 2008**

**Meeting Expenses for HHB and JPSC:**
- 4 HHB Meetings
- 4 JPSC Meetings

**Publications:**
- historiCITY Newsletter – September, December (printing)
- LEGACY Magazine (Business Plan)

**Web Site Design**

**Plaque Research**

**Heritage Inventory - Plaques**
WELCOME

Welcome from the Hamilton Historical Board! We trust that you will find our web site not only informative in its presentation of local historical and heritage matters, but also fun to use as a research and discovery tool.

We welcome your interest in heritage matters, your involvement and participation, and most certainly your feedback. If you are interested in booking a speaker, please go directly to the Speakers page.

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A View to the Future

• Council representation on HHB

• Make heritage matter to the people of Hamilton
Thank You.