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

CHAIR: Bill Manson
MINUTE TAKER: Jason Ryan

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

STAFF: Ian Kerr-Wilson

REGRETS: Councillor Russ Powers, Kathy Wakeman, Michael Sangermano

GUESTS: Jennifer Kaye – Manager, Arts and Events, Culture Division

CHAIR’S REMARKS (attached)

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

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
   None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 14, 2010 (attached)
   That the September minutes of the Hamilton Historical Board be approved.
   (Hamilton/McCann) APPROVED

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION
   4.1. Presentation by Jennifer Kaye, Manager of Arts and Events
        War of 1812 Bicentennial initiatives
        • See attached document

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
               • No Communications & Education report due to canceled October meeting
               • Editorial Team: Adelaide Hoodless School is celebrating major anniversary in 2011 – HHB has been invited to upcoming celebratory event
               • Will be considering Adelaide Hoodless for inclusion in future issue
               • Fall 2010 issue will be heading to print by October 15
               • Winter 2011 discussions are underway – those providing articles are requested to have submissions to C. Lei by October 31, 2010
5.1.2. Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee – Bob Williamson
- No report due to cancelled October meeting (lack of quorum)
- Jockey Club plaque has been installed at Food Pavilion at The Centre on Barton
- First Royal Visit unveiling took place at Victoria Park

5.1.3. Heritage Events Sub-Committee – Pat Saunders
- Programming is all on schedule;
  - Bicentennial Bus Tours are underway – tentative themes are in place
  - Heritage Awards programming is underway, as are award preparations

That the reports of Item 5.1 be received.
(Noordyk/Eker) CARRIED

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

5.2.1. Municipal Heritage Committee – Kathy Wakeman
- No verbal report, written report attached

5.2.2. Museums & Heritage Presentation Report – Ian Kerr-Wilson
- Attending stakeholder meeting (as OMA rep) to view draft curriculum review
- Museum Point of Sale system for Civic Museums RFP has been issued, awaiting responses
- AODA-related funding request has been issued in order to meet the requirements of AODA
- Smith’s Knoll – archaeology is ongoing and hopeful to have additional information by November

5.2.3. War of 1812 Bicentennial C.A.C. - Robin McKee
- No report; Bicentennial C.A.C. has not yet met

5.2.4. Maple Leaf Forever – Bob Williamson
- B. Williamson providing lecture at Stoney Creek Historical Society re: MLF

5.2.5. City Museums Programme Committee – Bill Manson
- No report; Programme Committee will be meeting at end of October

5.2.6. City Museum & Archive Sub-Committee – Rob Hamilton
- No report; City Museum & Archive sub-committee has not yet met

That the reports of Item 5.2 be received.
(Hamilton/Saunders) CARRIED

5.3. HHB Budget/Work Plan

5.3.1. 2010 Work Plan – Bill Manson
- No report – included for information only

5.3.2. 2010 Budget – Bill Manson/Ian Kerr-Wilson
- HHB budget expenditures are on track;
  - currently $3243.44 remaining, however a large portion of this has been allocated to the Fall 2010 issue of HistoriCITY

That the reports of Item 5.3 be received.
(Saunders/Eker) 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 has gained support of Chris Charlton; no additional update

5.4.2.2. Commemorative Coin

5.4.2.3. Commemorative Stamp

That the reports of Item 5.4 be received

(Eker/Noordyk) CARRIED

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

5.5.1. Battlefield House Museum & Park – Michael Sangermano

• No report

5.5.2. Hamilton Children’s Museum – Carolyn McCann

• Museum is currently closed for renovations
• ‘Doo Wop Diner’ includes items from Duluxe Diner

5.5.3. Dundurn National Historic Site – Pat Saunders

• Written report attached, no verbal report

5.5.4. Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum – Christine Lei

• Attendance is up
• Office re-organization is complete
• Municipal Alcohol Policy has been approved; allows for alcohol at Ancaster Old Town Hall & Fieldcote grounds
  o Most of the museums are open to alcohol in certain areas of the site (Children’s Museum excluded), however the contract language makes alcohol-related bookings much more difficult for potential organizers

5.5.5. Griffin House – Robin McKee

• Open Labour Day – 35 visitors and additional Bus Tour

5.5.6. Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology – Rob Hamilton

• Hamilton Model Engineers Group; one of the longest continually involved groups (at HMST) – encouraging Board members to attend their events

5.5.7. Whitehern Historic House & Garden – Mary Anderson

• No written report
• Whitehern Landscape redevelopment is underway; Culture Division has Capital funding for landscape redevelopment
• Landscape restoration is part of Culture Division ten year redevelopment plan; currently slated for 2011 (pending budget approval)

That the reports of Item 5.5 be received

(Eker/Saunders) CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1. Announcement: Pat Saunders is being awarded the Ontario Seniors Achievement Award at Queens Park; Pat is one of 20 recipients from all of Ontario

6.2. Building on Blake Avenue is celebrating the life and contributions of Adelaide Hoodless; organization suggests that the building was the home of Adelaide Hoodless, however research shows that the actual home was across the street on the property of St. Columba School, which has since been demolished

7. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:24pm (Eker)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 12:30pm – 2:30pm
City Centre – Suite 305 Board Room
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Chair’s Remarks

October 12, 2010

1. Forum: Astral Radio Hamilton
   I was invited to speak about HHB on the heritage segment of the Forum, aired Saturdays at 11 AM on 820 CHAM radio. The program can be downloaded at http://www.digitalhome.ca/forum/

2. Invitations to:
   - Steamposium (Hamilton Victorian and Steampunk Society)
   - Watt’s Up (Hamilton Model Engineer’s Society)
Presentation by Jennifer Kaye, Manager of Arts and Events

~ War of 1812 Bicentennial initiatives

- Province has officially designated a seventh region for Bicentennial Commemorations – Hamilton is a major player in the seventh region
- New region is titled "Western Corridor:
  - Region consists of Hamilton, Burlington, Brantford, Six Nations, Halidmand-Norfolk, Woodstock, London and Middlesex County
- This creates better opportunities if/when funding comes from other government agencies
- Province also allocated $50,000 to new region for the creation of a regional secretariat
- Projects include Brock’s Walks and McArthur’s journey (raids)
- Jennifer Kaye is the official City of Hamilton representative on the Western Corridor secretariat
- Locally, the Hamilton Bicentennial Secretariat continues to meet and continues to finalize the details of the Community Advisory Committee
- Commemorative projects will span 2012-2014, with major focus in 2013
- 200th Commemoration of Battle of Stoney Creek
- Parks Canada will be recreating the passage of troops from Fort George; event will likely include tall ships
- Commemorative programming around the 200th anniversary of the sinking of the Hamilton and Scourge
  - Initiative may include US Navy, which may dictate year commemoration takes place
- Hopeful for events on Canada Day (July 2013) and George Hamilton Day (August 2013), however details are yet to be discussed or determined
- Hopeful for an arts-based commemorative project
- HHB War of 1812 trail has been targeted by the Staff Secretariat as a project it would like to support and assist through to completion
- Discussing details of creation of Peace Garden
- Smith’s Knoll has the potential to become a Legacy element of the Bicentennial Commemorations, however this has not been confirmed and many details still need to be determined
- Staff Secretariat is intended to serve as a resource to local organizations wishing to create bicentennial program;
- The Secretariat will develop some programming, but not all programming
- The Secretariat and Community Advisory Committee will review programs that are in place and determine if any major facets are missing – will take necessary action
- The role of the HHB will have input at the Community Advisory level through designate
- Staff Secretariat is hopeful that the HHB will develop programming that will enhance the overall Bicentennial Commemorative program
- City Staff Secretariat and Western Corridor have not been created to provide funding for local community organizations; however if funding does become available, the Secretariat will provide funding information to local organizations
- City Staff in charge of Bicentennial Community Outreach are Mike McAllister and Sarah Ehmke; once HHB project direction has been determined and clarified, the Board is welcome to setup a meeting with either of the City Staff above in order to discuss these initiatives
- Federal Government is viewing the Bicentennial Commemoration as part of a decade of commemorations (1812, Centennial of WWI, Canadian Sesquicentennial)