MINUTES: Hamilton Historical Board  
Tuesday, June 8, 2010 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
City Centre – Suite 305 Board Room

CHAIR: Bill Manson  
MINUTE TAKER: Brianne D’Andrea

PRESENT: Carolyn McCann, Mary Anderson, Deborah Eker, Michael Sangermano, Pat Saunders, Robin McKee, Pat Saunders, Susanne Noordyk, Bob Williamson, Kathy Wakeman

STAFF: Ian Kerr-Wilson

REGRETS: Christine Lei, Rob Hamilton, Councillor Russ Powers

ABSENT: Walter Peace

CHAIR’S REMARKS (attached)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   That the June Agenda of the Hamilton Historical Board be approved.  
   (Eker/McCann)  
   APPROVED

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
   None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2010 (attached)
   That the May minutes of the Hamilton Historical Board be approved as amended.  
   (McKee/Noordyk)  
   APPROVED

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION
   4.1. Be it resolved that Carolyn McCann be appointed the Susan E. Bennetto Student History Awards Sub-committee Chair 2011.  
       (Sangermano/Eker)  
       APPROVED

   4.2. Be it resolved that the HHB approve the wording of the Lister Building commemorative plaque (attached).  
       (McCann/Sangermano)  
       APPROVED

   4.3. Appointment of a HHB representative for the Bi-Centennial Advisory Committee  
       Robin McKee is the official representative and Bob Williamson is the alternate representative
5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1. Committee Reports (2 minutes each)

5.1.1. Communications & Education Sub-committee – Bill Manson
Continue work on the Spring/Summer 2010 Edition of the newsletter. June 15 is the deadline for the Fall Edition and the Special Editions will feature a War of 1812 article.

5.1.2. Joint Plaunging Sub-Committee – Bob Williamson
The Royal Visit Plaque will be completed and installed this fall at Victoria Park. The War of the 1812 plaque will require additional funding to produce.

5.1.3. Heritage Events Sub-Committee – Pat Saunders
Seven groups will be participating in the Heritage Marketplace at Canada Day Celebrations. Currently, the committee is working on the George Hamilton Day event. For 2011 the committee will design and development a Bi-Centennial bus tour.

That the reports of Item 5.1 be received.
(McCann/Saunders) CARRIED

5.2. Questions Arising from Other Reports/Projects (2 minutes each)

5.2.1. Municipal Heritage Committee – Kathy Wakeman
- The exposed plumbing and sprinklers at City Hall have been covered
- The Municipal Heritage Committee has requested that the Ontario Reality Corporation change their environmental assessment. The motion will go to Council June 8
- Provided a copy on the MHC annual report to the HHB

5.2.2. Museums & Heritage Presentation Report – Ian Kerr-Wilson
In the process of applying for grants
That the reports of Item 5.2 be received.
(Noordyk/Anderson) CARRIED

5.3. HHB Budget/Work Plan

5.3.1. 2010 Work Plan – Bill Manson
Refer to workplan

5.3.2. 2010 Budget – Bill Manson/Ian Kerr-Wilson
Will be over budget for George Hamilton Day
That the reports of Item 5.3 be received.

5.4. Other HHB Business

5.4.1. Grounds Use Requests
None

5.4.2. War of 1812 Bicentennial
Refer to Chair’s Report

5.4.2.1. Bicentennial Commemorative Medal
5.4.2.2. Bicentennial Commemorative Coin
5.4.2.3. Bicentennial Commemorative Stamp
5.4.2.4. Maple Leaf Forever

5.4.3. Volunteer Opportunities
- Canada Day, George Hamilton Day

5.5. Questions Arising from Museum Reports (2 minutes each)
5.5.1. Battlefield House Museum & Park – Michael Sangermano
The Re-enactment of the Battlefield of Stoney Creek was successful

5.5.2. Hamilton Children’s Museum – Carolyn McCann
Refer to report

5.5.3. Dundurn National Historic Site – Pat Saunders
Head of the Lake will have their monthly meetings at Dundurn

5.5.4. Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum – Christine Lei
New Exhibit is scheduled to open June 9

5.5.5. Griffin House – Robin McKee
Nothing to report

5.5.6. Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology – Rob Hamilton
Refer to report

5.5.7. Whitehern Historic House & Garden – Mary Anderson
Interns at Whitehern are digitizing their artefacts

5.5.8. Programme Committee – Bill Manson
That the reports of Item 5.5 be received

(Wakeman/Eker) CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1. Maple Leaf Forever
• Stoney Creek Flag Day may assist with the initiative

6.2. Peace Garden
• Include on the agenda

7. Adjournment
Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 – 12:30pm – 2:30pm
City Centre – Suite 305 Board Room
### OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

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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. This project has since been taken on by the full Board.</td>
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HHB Chair’s Remarks: June 8, 2010

1. The 2010 HHB Report to E&CS was well received and the criteria for selection of HHB members was accepted as a guideline.

2. Ian and I discussed the following with the Mayor in a quickly arranged meeting:
   • his participation in George Hamilton Day
   • HHB proposed guideline criteria and rationale for the selection of HHB members
   • obstacles to communication between HHB and Council

3. I plan to call a luncheon meeting of Team Leaders, Leads, and Sub-committee Chairs on July 7 to set a draft 2011 Work Plan and Budget. These individuals will need to review their current programs, and projected programs for 2011, in preparation for the meeting, which I will shortly confirm by email.

3. War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Updates
   • Rose McAleer, Constituency Assistant to Wayne Marston, MP Hamilton East - Stoney Creek
   • has sent letters of support to Canada Post and the Royal Canadian Mint from Mr. Marston.
   • Letter to the Canadian Mint in support of HHB proposals from MPP Andrea Horwath
   • Letter from the Canadian Mint indicating they are currently considering the HHB medal and coin proposals.

4. HHB meeting dates and venues proposals
   • As requested, Jason has done a costing analysis re. meeting in the City Centre vs. meeting in the Museums. The difference is negligible, but the possibility of a meeting being bumped from a Museum by public booking exists.
   • Can we move the last official meeting of the Board in December forward 1 week to Tuesday December 7, 2010, and accordingly move the Subcommittee meetings forward 1 week?
THE LISTER BUILDING: “A CITY IN ITSELF”

Constructed in 1923, the Lister Building had a profound effect on the commercial development of downtown Hamilton. Located on the northeast corner of James Street North and King William Street, the Lister Building was ideally situated within Hamilton’s commercial center. It was a major retail and office complex that featured the innovative two-storey arcade, now recognized as an early mall format within Hamilton.

Joseph Edmund Lister continued his father’s commercial legacy by rebuilding the Lister Building after the original Lister Chambers (1859) burnt down in February of 1923. Based on the architectural designs of Bernard H. Prack, The Pigott-Healey Construction Company erected the new building to industrial standards in a mere 37 ½ working days. Designed in the Renaissance Revival style, the Lister Building was significant for its innovative use of reinforced concrete, fireproof materials, and a distinct brick and terra cotta exterior.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, James Street North underwent considerable development establishing it as one of Hamilton’s mercantile centres. The Lister Building was notable for its grand size as its six storeys surpassed the typical two to four storey buildings constructed during this era.

The Lister Building featured approximately 50 stores and 200 offices. These businesses included law offices, accounting firms, beauty parlours, opticians, printing shops, a restaurant, dental offices, electrical goods, a billiards room, men's clothing shops, a music store and shoe shining services. Combined they provided Hamilton with a variety of goods and services in one convenient, downtown location. As a large multi-storey commercial retail and office complex, the Lister Building was truly “A City In Itself”.

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Refer to Reference Binder for support material.