MINUTES
HAMILTON LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee)

Thursday, February 22, 2007
12:00 p.m., Room 110
City Hall, 1st Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:
A. Charlton (Chair), A. French (Vice-Chair), Councillors B. McHattie and M. Pearson, A. Denham, P. Hartnett, B. Manson, F. Neufeld, M. Stark, and S. Wray

Absent with Regrets:
Councillor B. Bratina, City Business
M. Adkins, illness
K. Kippen, work commitment
K. Wakeman, work commitment

Also Present:
D. Cuming, Senior Project Manager, Community Planning & Design
S. Vattay, Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning & Design
M. House, Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning & Design
L. Chewter, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

The meeting was called to order.

1. Election of Chair
(Wray/Manson)
That Anne Charlton be elected Chair of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) for 2007.

CARRIED

2. Election of Vice-Chair
(Manson/Stark)
That Art French be elected Vice-Chair of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) for 2007.

CARRIED

The Chair advised that an appropriate recognition celebration for Diane Dent will be planned in the near future.
3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
At the request of the Chair, the following change to the agenda was approved:

The City’s Heritage Permit Guide brochure was added as information Item 5.12 and the next Item was renumbered 5.13.

(French/Hartnett)
That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Minutes, dated January 25, 2007 (Item 3.1)

(Stark/Wray)
(a) That subsection (a) of Item 4.2 be amended by replacing the first dollar amount of $5.00 with $2.00 and the second dollar amount of $2.00 with $1.00 as follows:

(a) Doors of Hamilton (11” X 17”) – Regular Price is $2.00 Price for 10 or more is $1.00;

(b) That the Minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting of the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

5.2 Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Meeting Notes dated February 13, 2007 (Item 3.2)

(Neufeld/Denham)
(a) That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) Meeting Notes of February 13, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

The Clerk was requested to investigate and advise if e-mail voting is permitted in the case of an emergency if there is a lack of quorum due to inclement weather.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
None
7. GENERAL INFORMATION

7.1 Register of Heritage Properties (Verbal update: Sharon Vattay, no copy). (Item 5.1)

Sharon Vattay advised Committee that recent changes to the Ontario Heritage Act allow municipalities to create a registry of heritage properties that are not designated under Parts IV or V of the Act. These heritage properties are primarily those currently listed in Hamilton’s History Volume 2: Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Interest, which is a compilation of all of the former lists from the former municipalities. There are currently 6,912 properties listed, however some demolitions have not been recorded. The goal is to transfer the Inventory to the Register, to develop criteria for updating the inventory, and then present it to Council for approval. Staff will be presenting a report with respect to these issues to a future Committee meeting.

7.2 562 Dundas Street East in Flamborough (E-mail memo from D. Cuming) (item 5.2)

David Cuming advised Committee that the tenants of 562 Dundas Street East in Flamborough are questioning the denial of their application for heritage designation of the property. He indicated that if they submit a written request for adjudication, staff will submit a report to Committee.

7.3 Update on Heritage Day (Art French) (Item 5.3)

Art French advised Committee that Heritage Day was held last Saturday and it was a success. There were approximately 30 heritage displays. Awards were presented to Tony Butler, Anne Charlton, Sylvia Wray and Art French. As the City Hall will be under renovations next year, the organizers are looking for an alternate location to hold the Heritage Day celebrations.

Alissa Denham provided an overview of what was sold at Heritage Day (i.e. number of posters, etc.).

7.4 Annual Report 2006 (A. Denham) (Item 5.4)

Alissa Denham presented the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) 2006 Annual Report and welcomed input from the members which will be considered during the preparation of the next year end report (for 2007). There was some discussion on whether the next report should be a maximum of two pages in length.
The Committee praised the report and the efforts of Alissa Denham and Diane Dent in putting it together.

7.5 **Update on Heritage Day table Fee (D. Cuming, No copy) (Item 5.5)**

David Cuming advised that the $40.00 table fee requested by the Culture Section couldn't be waived.

7.6 **Orientation session for new members (S. Vattay, no copy) (Item 5.6)**

This item was deferred as the new members were not in attendance.

7.7 **Heritage Conservation Conference 2007 – Opportunity Knocks (to be distributed) (Item 5.7)**

The Clerk advised that this brochure was included in the agenda for the Committee’s information.

7.8 **Copy of Letter dated January 4, 2007 from Tim McCabe, Director of Development of Real Estate, respecting Heritage Permit Application for 252 James Street North (to be distributed) (item 5.8)**

Since the approval of heritage permits has been delegated, this copy was included for the Committee’s information. Staff will meet with the Chair and the Clerk to discuss possible changes to the agenda format with respects to the delegated approval letters.

7.9 **CHO News – 2007 (hand-outs to be distributed) (Item 5.9)**

7.10 **Dundas Driving Park Re-design Plans (E-mail from Frances Neufeld) (Item 5.10)**

Frances Neufeld introduced this item indicating that the Dundas Driving Park is not within the Cross-Melville District. She advised that monies from the Rotary Club were used. There were concerns with increased noise but the affected parties came together and addressed the issue.

Councillor McHattie indicated that there is work currently underway in Victoria Park and that staff should be invited to make a presentation.
(McHattie/Neufeld)
That staff from the Open Space Development Section (Public Works) be requested to present the Victoria and Dundas Park Master Plans to Committee.

CARRIED

7.11 Ontario Heritage Connection (D. Cuming) (Item 5.11)

After a brief discussion, the Committee approved the following motion:

(Pearson/Wray)
That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) 2006 Year End Report be submitted to the Ontario Heritage Connection website.

CARRIED

7.12 City of Hamilton Heritage Permit Guide brochure (added Item) (Added Item 5.12)

Sharon Vattay advised Committee that the Heritage Permit Guide is the first brochure to be prepared by the Planning and Economic Development Department in the new format. The format complies with the corporate standard and cannot be changed, however, she asked that the Committee submit comments by e-mail with respect to the contents.

Sharon Vattay confirmed that brochures for designation and for heritage properties that are listed will also be produced in the future.

The brochure is available for distribution and it will be available at all the Municipal Service Centres, in various City Departments (such as Planning and Building) and it will be available on the City’s website.

(Wray/Hartnett)
That copies of the City’s Heritage Permit Guide be mailed to all heritage designated property owners.

CARRIED

7.13 Endangered Buildings and Landscapes: (Item 5.13)

(a) Victoria Hall, 68 King Street East, Hamilton (NHS, D) – F. Thorp-Neufeld

Frances Neufeld advised that there are no updates except for the recent article in the Hamilton Spectator.
(b) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie

No updates.

(c) Red Hill Creek Valley, Hamilton (L, ND) – Councillor M. Pearson

No updates

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

Councillor McHattie agreed to be the watch dog for the Lister Block.

Councillor Pearson indicated that the Province has agreed to provide funding for the peer review and provide a heritage consultant to ensure that the standards for the rehabilitation of the Lister Block are met. She will provide copies of the Province’s aforementioned communication to the Committee.

At the request of the Committee, Councillor McHattie indicated that he will contact Joe Rinaldo to find out the status of the financial review.

(e) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent

Bill Manson has offered to be the watch dog for Auchmar.

(f) Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton – Michelle Stark

Michele Stark advised that the owner has returned to Hamilton and the premises will be occupied by April 2007. There are renovations currently taking place to accommodate a new tenant.

(Stark/Neufeld)

That staff be requested to prepare a package containing the historical information regarding the Auchmar Gate House and send it to the owner together with a letter asking that he consider requesting that the property be designated as heritage as this may provide him with a financial incentive.

CARRIED
(g) **Smart-Turner Building, 191 Barton Street E., Hamilton (ND, L) – D. Dent**

Councillor Pearson agreed to watch this property. She indicated that she has tried to contact Beth Magnelli of Hamilton Health Sciences but hasn’t received any response. She is anticipating that a report will be completed soon.

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

Patricia Hartnett will be the new watch dog for this property. There were no updates.

(i) **Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton – Councillor B. McHattie**

Councillor McHattie indicated that there are no updates however, a five storey building to be built across the street has been approved for grants for renovations therefore, there will be improvements in the area. He will contact Belma Diamonte from the Ballet Company for more information.

(j) **Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster – A. Charlton**

Anne Charlton addressed Committee advising that her heritage assessment report has now been completed with some help from staff. A discussion followed about when it should be forwarded to the owners of the Book House. The Committee approved the following motion:

(Wray/Stark)

That the report prepared by Anne Charlton with respect to the historical significance of the Book House be forwarded to the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton which is the owner of the building.

CARRIED

(k) **2 Hatt Street, Dundas – Frances Neufeld**

No update.
(Charlton/Wakeman)
That Items 5.1 through 5.13 inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

7.14 New Business

Councillor McHattie asked for an update with respect to the City Hall building. Staff will be presenting an information report on the current status of the City Hall to the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Manson/Pearson)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Charlton, Chair
Hamilton LACAC
(Municipal Heritage Committee)

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