



Community Services Committee

REPORT 06-009

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

1:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors T. Jackson (Chair), T. Whitehead (Vice Chair)
P. Bruckler, M. McCarthy, D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, A. Samson

Also Present: H. Tomasik, Acting General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Fenwick, Director, Culture & Recreation Division
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk's Office

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 06-009 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Municipal Emergency Plan Review (HES06009) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

- (a) That Schedule "A" of By-law 05-105, Acting Head of Council List, (attached as Appendix A to Report 06-009), be approved as amended.
- (b) That Schedule "B" of By-law 05-105, the City of Hamilton Municipal Emergency Plan, (attached as Appendix B to Report 06-009), be approved as amended.
- (c) That By-law 05-105, as amended, be enacted, as per Schedules "A" and "B" attached to Report 06-009.

2. Hamilton Historical Board Report 06-003 – Little Africa Plaque (Item 5.2)

That the wording for the Little Africa plaque, hereto attached and marked as Appendix C to Report No. 06-009, be approved.

3. Hamilton Historical Board Report 06-004 – Priority List for City of Hamilton Commemorative Plaques (Item 5.3)

That the following Priority List be approved for City of Hamilton Commemorative Plaques:

- (i) 2007 – West Flamborough Presbyterian Church at Christie's Corners
- (ii) 2008 – The Place of Firsts (First Place)
- (iii) 2009 – Smith Family Cemetery
- (iv) 2010 – Loretto Academy

4. Dr. Gene Sutton, Sport Hamilton respecting a Request for Annual Funding (Item 6.1)

- (a) That funding, in the amount of \$25,000, be provided from the 2006 Culture and Recreation Operating Budget to assist Sport Hamilton with Administrative costs for a one year period (2006/2007).
- (b) That Culture and Recreation staff be directed to investigate the feasibility for additional City funding, to assist Sport Hamilton with administrative support costs, beyond the one year (2006/07) funding, and report back to the Community Services Committee.
- (c) That staff explore alternate sources of external funding, to assist Sport Hamilton, with administrative support costs, beyond the one year period (2006/07) and report back to the Community Services Committee.

5. Culture and Recreation Division - Water Treatment Systems Project (CS06025) (Wards 11, 12, 14, 15) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the wells and water treatment systems be upgraded at Bullocks Corners Park, Freelton Centennial Park, Freelton Community Park, Sheffield Community Park, and Strabane Park at an approximate cost of \$169,407 to be funded from the existing Safe Water Capital Work In Progress (WIPS).
- (b) That the Flamborough Centre Park water system, due to site problems, remains inoperable and that portable toilets continue to be provided.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the September 12, 2006, meeting of the Community Services Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Dr. Gene Sutton, Sport Hamilton respecting a Request for Annual Funding

The request, made by Dr. Gene Sutton of Sport Hamilton, to appear before the Community Services Committee respecting a request for annual funding, was approved.

(e) Hamilton Historical Board Report 06-003 – Little Africa Plaque (Item 5.2)

The Director of Culture and Recreation was directed to confirm whether or not the Black History Committee or the African Workers' Committee had been involved in the consultation process for the wording of the Little Africa Plaque, and to provide the Committee with a response, prior to the Council meeting on October 11, 2006.

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

6.1 Dr. Gene Sutton, Sport Hamilton respecting a Request for Annual Funding

Dr. Sutton appeared before the Committee to request that Committee consider annual funding, in the amount of \$25,000, to assist Sport Hamilton with administrative staffing costs on an ongoing basis.

**(g) Culture and Recreation Division - Water Treatment Systems Project
(CS06025) (Wards 11, 12, 14, 15) (Item 8.1)**

Due to formatting and size, some of the photos and maps were not included in Appendix A to Report CS06025. A full copy is available for viewing through the City Clerk's office.

(h) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Jackson, Chair

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
October 10, 2006

WORKPLAN & PERFORMANCE TARGETS – Hamilton Historical Board 2007

Period Covered by Review: 2007 – First year of four year term

STRATEGIC GOAL - 1. A GREAT CITY IN WHICH TO LIVE – Arts & Culture – Council is committed to promoting the development of arts, culture and heritage throughout the city.

Strategic Commitment Area	Key Outputs	Budget	Objectives 2007	Action Plan	Timeline	Comments (A= Achieved, NA= Not Achieved)
	1) To advise and recommend to the City Council through the Community Services Standing Committee on matters pertaining to the evaluation, acquisition, development, operation, maintenance and disposition of city museums, their grounds, structures and collections. The provincial Ministry of Culture requires a separate board to oversee the operation of Museums in order to meet qualifications to receive operating grants.	\$300 (Full Day)	Annual Workplan Retreat	Board Members to develop annual work plan	Q3 – 2006	Achieved
			Review projects from 2006 Review upcoming projects for 2007 by July 2006	Chair, Vice-Chair & Manager of Culture to meet with Mayor formally every year to raise profile of HHB to give overview of activities Staff arrange for meeting.	Arrangements – Q2 Meeting – Q3	
			Present overview of HHB to Community Service Standing Committee each year	Chair to make arrangements through Standing Committee Secretary for early Fall each year Chair, Communication Sub-committee Chair and Manager of Culture to create PowerPoint for presentation	Arrangements – Q2 Power Point – Q3	
		\$100 (1/2 day)	Annual workshop with Board Members and Curators	Meet with Curators to define roles and responsibilities	Q3 - Q4	

Strategic Commitment Area	Key Outputs	Budget	Objectives 2007	Action Plan	Timeline	Comments (A= Achieved NA= Not Achieved)
		\$1200 (\$120 x 10 Monthly HHB meetings) \$700 (HHB - Binders, Office Supplies, Printing, Mailing Costs)	Board members be responsible for reporting monthly to the HHB regarding Curators Reports as per assigned.	Curators to supply monthly HHB report to Board rep. 7 business days before Board Meeting. Assigned Board members will interview Curators monthly before Board Meeting Assigned Board Member to present report(s) at monthly HHB meeting.	Monthly	
	2) To advise and recommend action to City Council through the Community Services Standing Committee on matters of prehistoric and historic heritage concerning all of Hamilton's communities.		As necessary			
	3) To promote public appreciation of the history and heritage of all the communities that comprise Hamilton.	\$2000 (Heritage Newsletter / Outreach) \$5000 (primarily advertising) \$400 (\$40 x 10 Monthly JPSC meetings)	Review Communication Plan Annual Heritage Day Event To commemorate and celebrate events, individuals, structures and	Communication Sub-committee to review prior to Workplan Retreat Board Member and Cultural Projects Coordinator to act as Co-chairs to plan, organize and execute the Heritage Comes Home – February 16, 2008 Complete file of all public plaques in the City of Hamilton	Q2 Q1 Q4	

Strategic Commitment Area	Key Outputs	Budget	Objectives 2007	Action Plan	Timeline	Comments (A= Achieved NA= Not Achieved)
		\$400 (JPSC - Binders, Office Supplies, Printing, Mailing Costs) \$5000 (Heritage Plaquing Inventory/Brochure/Searchable Database)	properties of enduring historical significance and interest in the city through the Plaquing Program	Monitor plaques for vandalism, report and repair Create brochure of City of Hamilton plaques	On-going Q4	
	4) To foster special projects designed to further public awareness of and enjoyment in the prehistoric and historic heritage of Hamilton and its people.	\$3000 (Doors Open Hamilton)	As appropriate			
	5) To promote broader understanding of the principles underlying and the necessity of heritage conservation by initiating and encouraging special projects.		Oversee conservation projects	Conservator to do presentation to Board 3 times per year		
	6) To encourage collection, protection and preservation of Hamilton's Heritage in all forms.		As appropriate	Review existing policies with staff		
	7) To liaise with other public and private groups and agencies in order to formulate co-coordinated responses concerning heritage issues and to		Continue current practice			

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	operate joint programs.					
	8) To facilitate the appreciation of Hamilton's history and heritage among the young people in the community.	See Heritage Newsletter / Outreach	Review Communication Plan			

CITY OF HAMILTON

2007 BUDGET SUBMISSION

“HAMILTON HISTORICAL BOARD”



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Dr. Walter G. Peace*, Chair	Jane Evans*
Dr. Mary Anderson	Richard A. Lockley*
Arthur Bowes*	Lorraine Marshall
Rev. Dr. John Johnston*	Robin McKee*
Bill Manson	Patricia Saunders*
Elizabeth Shambrook*	Robert Williamson
Brian Henley*, Vice-Chair	* Term expires December 2006

MANDATE:

“Provide the Volunteer Committee’s mandate”

The mandate of the Hamilton Historical Board is to advise City Council on heritage matters and to promote the awareness and appreciation of Hamilton’s history.

1. To advise and recommend to City Council through the Community Services Standing Committee on matters pertaining to the evaluation, acquisition, development, operation, maintenance and disposition of city museums, their grounds, structures and collections.
2. To advise and recommend action to City Council through the Community Services Standing Committee on matters concerning all of the communities that comprise Hamilton’s prehistoric and historic heritage.
3. To promote public appreciation of the rich historical heritage of all of the communities that comprise Hamilton.
4. To commemorate events, individuals, structures and properties in the city of enduring historical significance and interest.
5. To foster special projects designed to further public awareness of and enjoyment in the prehistoric and historic heritage of Hamilton and its people.
6. To promote broader understanding of the principles underlying and the necessity of heritage conservation by initiating and encouraging special projects.
7. To encourage the preservation of Hamilton’s heritage in all forms and processes, including but not limited to written records, photographs, maps, architectural drawings, film footage, sound recordings, and documentary art.
8. To liaise with other public and private groups and agencies, both within and outside all of the communities that comprise Hamilton, in order to formulate co-ordinated responses concerning heritage issues and to operate joint programs where feasible.
9. That the following definitions apply to this Mandate:

(a) Prehistoric Heritage

The pre-historical legacy of Hamilton's heritage may be defined primarily as those surviving remains of native or indigenous culture and settlement of this area. Typically these remains are not written records or buildings. They are sites, artefacts or remnants that are revealed through archaeological survey and excavation.

(b) Historic Heritage

The historical legacy of Hamilton includes those artefacts such as written and documentary records, buildings, structures, places, streetscapes and landscapes that are associated with the settlement and development of Hamilton.

The historical legacy also includes less tangible matters such as associations with a person, groups, events or activities that have occurred in the past and contributed to the physical, cultural, social, and economic development of Hamilton.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

"Indicate the Volunteer Committee's goals and objectives, how they will be achieved and who will benefit"

Goals and Objectives:

1. To advise and recommend to City Council on matters pertaining to
 - a) the evaluation, acquisition, development, operation, maintenance and finances of city museums, their grounds, structures and collections and
 - b) matters concerning all of the communities that comprise Hamilton's prehistoric and historic heritage.
2. To commemorate events, individuals, structures and properties in the city of enduring historical significance and interest through commemorative and designated property plaques.
3. To promote public awareness and appreciation of the rich pre-historical and historical heritage of all of the communities that comprise Hamilton.

How they will be achieved:

1. Advice on distribution of public finds to the heritage organizations through the City of Hamilton grant system.
2. Advise Council on heritage related issues.
3. Advise Council on achievements by individuals and organization that conserve and/or promote Hamilton heritage.
4. Act as an informal liaison between heritage organizations and institutions.
5. Heritage Plaquing.
6. Special events and promotions.
7. Oversee development of Hamilton Civic Museums.
8. Monitor grounds use for Historic Parks.

Who will benefit:

Audience

1. Council
2. Local heritage community
3. Local heritage organizations and institutions
4. Primary & Secondary Schools of Hamilton
5. Citizens of Hamilton

Client Benefits/Impacts

1. Enriching the quality of life for the people of Hamilton through promotion of our collective heritage.
2. Recognition of excellence in local heritage conservation and promotion.
3. Advocacy body for heritage related issues.
4. Improved access to the local history.

All citizens of Hamilton will benefit from the role of the Hamilton Historical Board.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Volunteer Committee supports

1) A City of Growth and Opportunity		4) A City Where People Come First	X
2) A Great City in Which to Live	X	5) A City that Spends Wisely and Invests Strategically	X
3) A Healthy, Safe and Green City		6) A City of Choice for High Performance Public Servants	

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Refreshments for Committee Meetings (10 HHB and 10 Plaquing meetings)	\$1,600
2 Planning Sessions (Workplan & Curators)	\$ 400
Binders, office supplies, printing, etc.	\$ 700
Mailing Costs (Monthly meeting information packages)	\$ 300
TOTAL	\$3,000

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Heritage Month (primarily advertising)	\$5,000
Heritage Newsletter / Outreach	\$2,000
Doors Open Hamilton – Doors Open Ontario	\$3,000
Heritage Plaquing Inventory / Brochure / Searchable Database	\$5,000

TOTAL	\$15,000
TOTAL 2007 BUDGET REQUEST (SUM OF THE ABOVE)	\$18,000
PREVIOUS YEAR BUDGET REQUEST	\$18,000

CERTIFICATION:

Please note that this document is a request for a Budget from the City of Hamilton Operating budget. The submission of this document does not guarantee the requested budget amount. Please have a representative sign and date the document below.

Representative's Name: Walter G. Peace, Chair, Hamilton Historical Board

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Commemorative Plaque
Submitted by Mr. Robin McKee

Approved by the Ontario Heritage Trust 05 April 2006
Approved by the Joint Plaquing Sub-committee 02 May 2006
Approved by the Hamilton Historical Board 09 May 2006
Approved by Municipal Heritage Committee – Hamilton LACAC 22 June 2006

Little Africa

During the 19th century, Canada was a refuge for people seeking freedom from slavery. Escaping slaves came to Hamilton from the United States, by the Underground Railroad.

W.B. Green and the Burkholder families donated land located along the Stone Road, now Concession Street on the sparsely populated Hamilton Mountain, establishing the close-knit community known as Little Africa. The area was bounded by present day Upper Wentworth Street, Concession Street, Upper Sherman Avenue and Fennell Avenue. The settlement developed around 'The Mission', a multi-purpose one room building, built in 1860 by Richard Bray, and donated as a school and church to any Protestant denomination.

The winters were harsh and with the difficulty of finding full-time work, many abandoned the colony and resettled elsewhere. Many of those that remained adopted new surnames to avoid tracking and recapture. Some chose the names Johnson, Nelson, Banks, Atkins, Carey, Murdoch, Green and Berry.

By 1865, over 200 Blacks had built homes, planted gardens and found work on farms or with the railway industry. The Berry family maintained the tollgate that stood near the corner of Concession Street and Upper Wentworth. 'Daddy' Nelson and Henry Johnson were gravediggers. Many of the Black settlers were buried in unmarked graves in the Burkholder Cemetery.

Hamilton expanded and by the 1920s the descendants of the original Little Africa settlers prospered and moved elsewhere. The community of Little Africa simply faded away.

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