

MINUTES
HAMILTON LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee)

Thursday, January 26, 2006
12:00 noon – Committee Room 110
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: D. Dent (Chair), A. Charlton (Vice-Chair), Councillor M. Pearson and B. McHattie, A. Denham, A. French, P. Hartnett, P. Shaker, M. Stark, L. Toews, K. Wakeman and S. Wray

Absent with Regrets: B. Manson – Out of Town

Also Present: B. Janssen, Manager, Community Planning & Design
D. Cuming, Sr. Project Manager, Community Planning & Design
J. Muller, Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning & Design
M. House, Intern, Community Planning & Design
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk's Office
S. Vattay, Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning & Design

The meeting was called to order.

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Item 5.6 – Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for 2006 will take place following the Changes to the Agenda.
- (ii) Item 4.1 was withdrawn by the Consultant, at this time, but will be brought forward in February or March.
- (iii) Addition of new Item 5.6 – Committee's draft letter to the Hamilton Spectator, with respect to the Lister Block.
- (iv) Addition of Item 5.7 – Correspondence from the Ontario Heritage Foundation respecting the Ontario Heritage Trust's Young Heritage Leaders Program.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2006

(Hartnett/Wray)

That Diane Dent be reappointed as Chair, and Anne Charlton be reappointed as Vice Chair for 2006.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(Pearson/Wakeman)

That the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) meeting Minutes, dated December 15, 2005 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

4.1 Peter's Corner's Intersection Improvements – Proposal for Intersection Improvements that Require the Demolition of a Listed Building

4.1.1 PowerPoint Presentation by Jim Dowell, Project Manager, McCormick Rankin Corporation respecting 492 Hamilton 8; Preliminary Design Study and Class EA for Improvements to the Intersection Complex at Peters Corners (report attached)

4.1.2 Committee Discussion and Questions respecting Items 4.1 and 4.1.1.

Items 4.1, 4.1.1, and 4.1.2 were withdrawn from the agenda, at the Consultant's request, and will be brought forward to Committee sometime in February or March.

4.2 Hamilton's Heritage, Volume 6 – Cemeteries (S. Wray and J. Muller)

S. Wray advised the Committee that the final copy of Hamilton's Heritage, Volume 6 – Cemeteries should be complete for the February 23, 2006 Committee meeting. It was noted that she had visited the more than 130 cemeteries throughout Hamilton in the making of this Volume, and stated that the book will be a great resource for the community.

S. Wray gave a special thank you to Aaron Pingree and Zachary Horn, students working for the Flamborough Heritage Society, for their research assistance, and as well as to D. Cuming and J. Muller for making Volume 6 a priority and for all their aid in the completion of the book.

D. Cuming expressed gratitude to S. Wray, on behalf of the Community Planning and Design staff for all the volunteer time and effort she has put into this publication.

Once Hamilton's Heritage, Volume 6 – Cemeteries is published the complete volume including maps and photos will also be available on the City's web site at www.myhamilton.ca.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 5)

5.1 Heritage Permit Application (HP2006-002) under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act to Permit Construction of a Two-Storey Residence within the Hamilton Beach Heritage Conservation District, 1038 Beach Boulevard, in the City of Hamilton (Ward 5)

The committee was in receipt of a staff report respecting this heritage permit application.

(Charlton/Pearson)

That Council be advised that Heritage Permit (HP2006-002) be approved for the construction of a detached two-storey residence at 1038 Beach Boulevard, Hamilton, in accordance with the submitted drawings accompanying the permit application (attached as Appendix A), subject to final detailing of colours, doors, windows and garage doors being submitted to the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) and City heritage staff for approval prior to construction.

CARRIED

5.2 Ontario Volunteer Recognition Programs for 2006: the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards; the Outstanding Achievement Awards for Volunteerism in Ontario, and the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

(Wakeman/Wray)

That Mary Kramer, Bill Mitchell and Robin McKee be nominated for Volunteer Service Awards.

CARRIED

Committee members putting forward the names of nominees were to forward the completed information to the Clerk, by Wednesday, February 1st, for submission by the February 10, 2006 deadline.

5.3 2 Hatt Street, Dundas – Consideration of Request to be placed on the Endangered Buildings List

(Toews/Charlton)

That 2 Hatt Street, Dundas be placed on the Endangered Buildings list.

CARRIED

5.4 Endangered Buildings List – Committee Member Required to Replace D. Reid on Endangered Building List for Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L); and, Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton

Councillor B. McHattie offered to be responsible for monitoring both Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street, Hamilton, and the Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton, on the Endangered Buildings List.

CARRIED

5.5 New Sign By-law Public Consultation Sessions Notice and New Sign By-law Study

Councillor Pearson, A. Denham, and K. Wakeman will all be attending a Public Consultation Session for the New Sign By-law Study.

Concerns were raised regarding signage on heritage buildings. Councillor Pearson advised the Committee that staff would be addressing the issue of signage on heritage buildings, and noted that she would check to see where staff is in the process with respect to heritage buildings.

Staff advised that any signage on designated heritage property would likely require a heritage permit.

Staff (Building and Licensing) will be invited to the March meeting to discuss the proposed new Sign-by law.

5.6 Letter to The Hamilton Spectator respecting the Lister Block, 2840 James Street North, Hamilton

A draft letter respecting the Lister Block and associated heritage conservation matters was considered and discussed by the committee.

The Committee requested that wherever LACAC or MHC was referred to in the draft letter that it be changed to the Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee). It was also agreed that the last paragraph of the draft letter be removed in its entirety.

(Denham/Charlton)

That the letter be approved, as amended, and sent to The Hamilton Spectator.

CARRIED

5.7 Correspondence from the Ontario Heritage Foundation respecting the Ontario Heritage Trust's Young Heritage Leaders Program

There were no nominations brought forward at this time; however, the Committee was asked to keep our young volunteers in mind for next year's submissions.

K. Wakeman agreed to forward the information to the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, the French Emersion School Board and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

7. OTHER BUSINESS (Item 6)

6.1 Endangered Buildings:

6.1.1 Victoria Hall, 68 King Street East (NHS, D) – P. Shaker

No update.

6.1.2 Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie

The property may be for sale. Councillor McHattie will follow-up. The City would like to build a connection between Treble Hall and the Kit Kat building.

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

Completion should be some time between the summer/fall of 2007. Staff (Public Works Department) has been requested to come forward at the appropriate time to discuss the placement of a heritage plaque on the site.

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

Committee is waiting to see the revised Heritage Impact Assessment Study. Chair Dent to speak with owners on January 27, 2006.

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

Councillor Pearson drove by to view the building, and advised Committee that the City had extended and built up the downspouts to

help keep the water away from the basement and foundation walls. This would assist until something more permanent can be done.

S. Wray inquired as to the City's long-term conservation strategy for Auchmar. Staff agreed to report back to Committee at its meeting in February

The Committee also asked if the City would be implementing a program to market heritage properties such as Auchmar. Staff advised that there is no strategy at present.

D. Cuming advised that as part of the Section's 2006 Work Plan a general strategy for the adaptive reuse for heritage buildings in the Downtown area would be developed. Staff from Downtown Renewal would be involved.

6.1.6 Smart-Turner Building, 191 Barton Street E. (ND, L) – D. Dent

No update.

6.1.7 St. Marks Church, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – D. Dent

D. Cuming advised Committee that staff would most likely be receiving a demolition permit in the near future for the Sunday School portion of St. Mark's Church.

6.1.8 Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton – Councillor B. McHattie

Famous People Player's were looking for land in Ancaster. Councillor McHattie suggested that they be contacted to see if there is interest in the Tivoli.

6.1.9 Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster – A. Charlton

A. Charlton and D. Cuming met with Mr. O'Brian, Business Manager of the Roman Catholic Diocese, on January 10, 2006.

A. Charlton and D. Cuming requested to see inside the house, but the building is currently housing tenants, and they were not able to view the interior, at this time.

Mr. O' Brian requested that a report be brought forward to the Roman Catholic Diocese explaining the historical and architectural importance of the Book House.

6.1.10 Former Strathcona Fire Hall, 37 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton

Staff reported that the owner's original submission for site plan, which required the demolition of the former Fire Hall has been amended and revised and the project now includes a 6 storey building with the retention of the former Strathcona Fire Hall. The application, which requires a number of variances, is being supported by City staff.

Councillor Pearson thanked Councillor McHattie for his efforts in preserving a building of such heritage value. Councillor McHattie also expressed his appreciation to D. Cuming, S. Vattay and K. Coit for their aid in the preservation of former Strathcona Fire Hall.

6.2 Poster Fund to be Defined

D. Cuming will bring a report forward to the next meeting outlining the status and uses for the poster fund.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 7)

7.1 Correspondence, from staff, to the Salem Christian Mental Health Association with respect to 562 Dundas Street East, Waterdown, dated January 17, 2006

D. Cuming received a phone call, from the Salem Christian Mental Health Association, in response to his letter of January 17, 2006. However, he had not yet had a chance to return the call.

7.2 Education Sub-committee Minutes, dated December 7, 2005

7.3 Education Sub-committee Minutes, dated January 12, 2006

7.4 Letter of Authorization to sell Heritage Posters (copy to be circulated)

7.5 Postcards from Hamilton's Past – ACO Website

7.6 Information Access – Questions and Answers

(Pearson/Wray)

That Items 7.1 through 7.6 be received.

CARRIED

7.7 Hanson Building – Northwest Corner of Caroline and Duke, Hamilton

(McHattie/Shaker)

That staff investigate the historical and architectural attributes of the Hanson Building and report back to Committee with a preliminary assessment.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(Charlton/Pearson)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED