

Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy

General Issues Committee

June 5th, 2013



Hamilton



Neighbourhood Home Improvement Program

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NEIGHBOURHOOD
ACTION PLANNING

- Addresses specific actions in Keith and South Sherman Neighbourhood Action Plans
- All priority neighbourhoods were invited to participate
- Collaborative project of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Threshold School of Building, City of Hamilton and Hamilton Community Foundation
- Provides free home renovations
- Renovations are completed by trainees (from neighbourhoods) hired through MTCU's Jobs Creation Program
- Training is provided by Threshold School of Building



THRESHOLD
SCHOOL OF BUILDING



**EMPLOYMENT
ONTARIO**

Our first job: Ana's Shed



And fence



Demolition Day



Ana's New Backyard and Peace of Mind



The Work Crew





JAMESVILLE HUB

 connect  create  community





Mission

Connect, Create, Community:

Connecting the people who live, work, learn or play in the Jamesville neighbourhoods so that together we create a vibrant, strong community.

Connecting those who live, work, play and learn in the Jamesville Neighbourhoods to create and sustain a vibrant, strong community.

Vision

To bring together those dedicated to making Jamesville the best place to live, work, learn and raise a family. Sharing pride in our strengths and working together to overcome



Values

Inclusivity, Diversity, Collaboration, Respect:

bringing everyone to the table, regardless of how they participate in Jamesville life.

Stewardship, Mutuality, Asset Based Community Development:

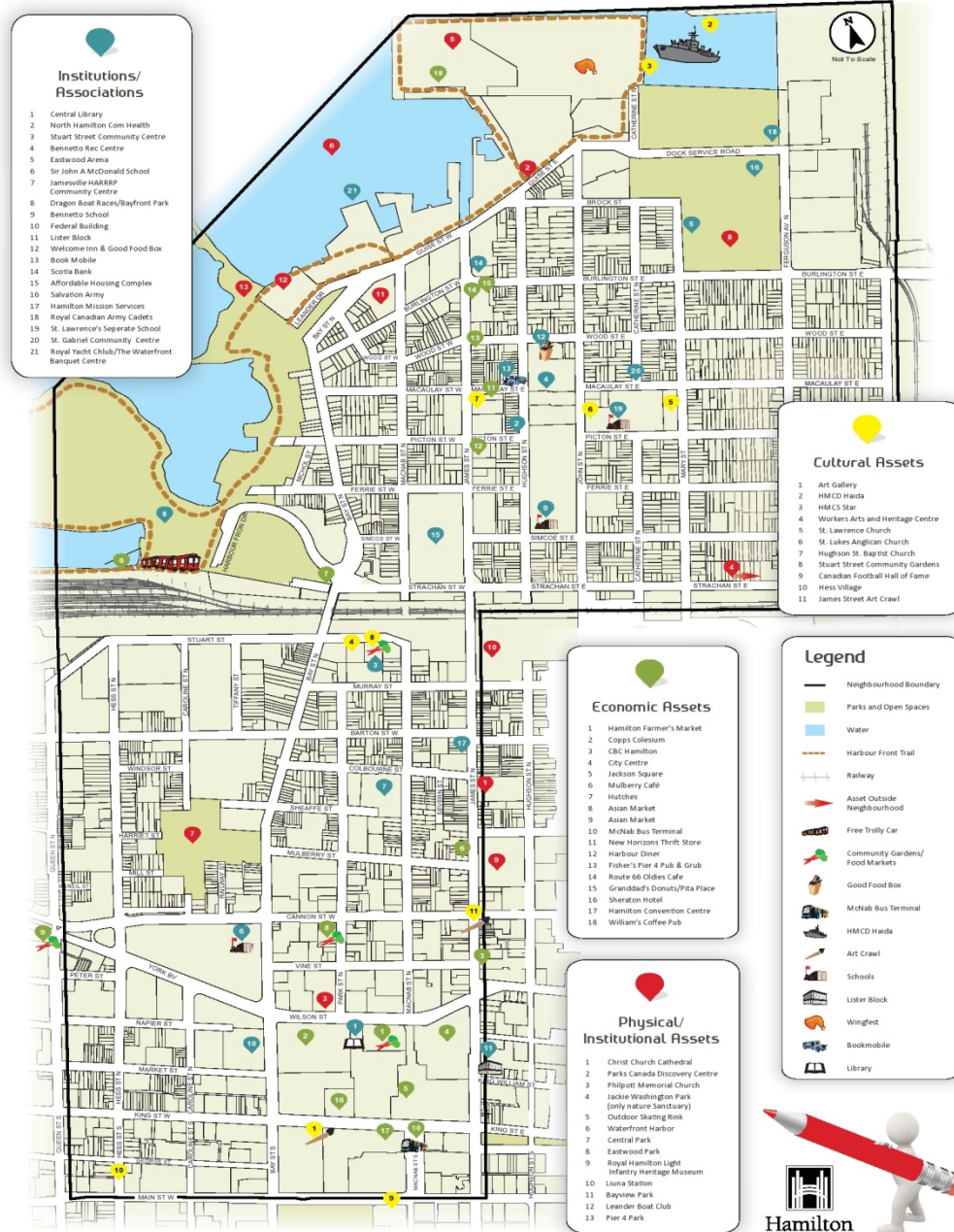
embracing the unique gifts that we each have to share, and using them to make the whole more than the sum of its parts.

We attempt to do all of the above by focusing on the assets that exist within our community and building on those assets to address the challenges that present themselves in the lives of our residents.

Jamesville Neighbourhood

What is a community asset?

A community asset is *anything* that improves the quality of community life.



How we came up with the Jamesville Action Plan?

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A community consultation was developed to engage as many stakeholders as possible. We tried to make the process as inclusive as possible using a variety of strategies and approaching different sectors of the Jamesville Community.

Here are some of the activities we engaged in:

- ❖ Consulting on a one on one basis through knocking on doors, and delivering flyers to households
- ❖ Filling out surveys in community gatherings such as: the Easter egg hunt in Jackie Washington Park, the Barbeque put together by New Horizons Thrift store, the barbeque held by H.A.R.R.R.P., the North End Neighbourhood Picnic , and the Welcome Inn's Senior Barbeque



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- ❖ We also asked groups from the community to share their thoughts. Some of the groups approached were: Parents from the Bennetto elementary school , Open Streets Festival attendees, the Park N' Party visitors, and about twenty Chinese Community leaders
- ❖ The Seniors Advisory Committee at the North Hamilton Community Health Centre made an asset and needs map
- ❖ Pathways to Education hosted a couple of evenings with their youth to go over their ideas and they shared the information with the Jamesville Community Planning Team
- ❖ The Jamesville Community Developer Worker, Brandon, attended several Neighbourhood Associations meetings in Central and North End, to listen to people's concerns about their neighbourhood. Some members from the Neighbourhood Associations were also members of the Planning Team



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Here are some of the main actions identified by the community and the different stakeholders as priorities in the two neighbourhoods of Jamesville:

❖ **The need for having the Jamesville Community Centre back**

The Jamesville Community Centre was a second home for many residents and groups that used the facilities to meet and share their time, knowledge and interests. The model was unique as the majority of the programs run were lead by residents. The community centre gave access to free space for the ideas and initiatives of people wanting to invest in their community. These people and groups are at this time struggling to keep their programs up and running due to the lack of space. Among the groups affected is the Jamesville Community Development Planning Team that needs a space to function from and to provide proper support to the community. HARRRP as the main partner in this project, provided the management and insurance needed for the programs to run under their umbrella. We want to acknowledge the tremendous support these groups and community members have received from HARRRP.



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One of the suggestions mentioned through the community consultation was the repurposing of the Sir John A. Macdonald, if it goes up for sale and give a permanent home to the Jamesville Community Centre

We will set up a steering committee to follow up with this issue, engage more residents and create a plan for a Community Centre

We would like to acknowledge the support of Councillor Farr, as he has tasked a Recreation Planner with developing a Recreation Feasibility study in the area



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❖ Drop In Place for Teens

Many teens in the community requested a safe place where they could go to share time with each other and relax.

We are happy to say that **The Welcome Inn** stepped up and using a Foundation grant endorsed by the Jamesville Community Development Team opened a Drop In program for teens.



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❖ Support and Encourage More Neighbourhood Events

Many residents asked us for more community events, to bring people together and for something fun to do.

The Jamesville Community Development Team hosted a **Jamesville Community Fun Fair** back in December 2012. We had two Chinese groups performing for us, face painting, cotton candy and lots of fun.

This summer the Jamesville HUB members will be working with City Housing to run events at their James Street North location. We are planning on having a BBQ and Movie night to kick it off.



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❖ Create a Community Resource and Communication Network

Many members of the community have expressed concerns about the difficulty of finding information on services and events happening in Jamesville. We are planning to make the Jamesville Website a “HUB” for information on services and activities happening.

The JCDT monthly meetings have already been functioning as a source of information and it is open to community members and service providers.

Once we find a permanent home, our physical space could function as a one stop centre for information.



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❖ **Support Involvement in recreational activities and organized sports**

The Jamesville Action Planning Team recognizes the existence of some barriers that refrain people from participating in physical and cultural activities. These barriers could include transportation, child care, time and cost

Through the Small Grants, and the support from the Hamilton Community Foundation we provide funds to resident lead programs. Some of the recipients of small grants are: The Stuart Street Community Garden, the Chinese Senior Dance Group, the Chinese Senior Tai Chi Group, the Community Kitchen, the Earth Wind and Choir, and the Park N Party Event

There are several volunteers in the Somali Community that have been working tirelessly providing soccer programs for kids. The plan is to continue supporting our diverse community as much as funding and resources allow. This may include connecting them to opportunities to become self sustainable



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❖ Promote a Complete Streets/ Better Blocks model

Our streets are vital for the health of our neighbourhoods. That is why we ask the City to adopt the Complete Streets policies.

“Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a complete street” (<http://www.completestreets.org/webdocs/cs-brochure-features.pdf>)



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❖ Chinese Community Gardens

A Chinese community group has expressed interest in starting a Chinese Community Garden. The garden would be designed, built and maintained by the Chinese Community. The Jamesville Community Development Team is supporting this community initiative and the meetings with different stakeholders are taking place at this time to make it happen





Our Goal

**Making the Jamesville Community
safer and vibrant !**



Thank you for your time !!!

