



INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Chair and Members Planning Committee	WARD AFFECTED: WARD 2
COMMITTEE DATE: May 14, 2013	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Report 12-006 (Proactive Heritage Building Protection Strategy) (Ward 2) (Outstanding Business List Item) (PED13088)	
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Council Direction:

Planning Committee considered Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Report 12-006 on January 15, 2013, and directed staff to report back with respect to Item 2 as follows:

2. Proactive Heritage Building Protection Strategy

- (a) *That the properties identified in the Downtown Built Heritage Inventory that meet one of the criteria identified for designation in the Ontario Heritage Act be added to the registry;*
- (b) *That all Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board properties identified on the Downtown Built Heritage Inventory be placed on the Municipal Registry of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.*

Information:

Item 2(a):

Staff of the Tourism and Culture Division circulated an Information Update in January 2013, to the Mayor and Councillors, to advise of the status of the Downtown Built Heritage Inventory (DBHI) project (see Appendix A).

The first part of the DBHI project has been completed and involved conducting field surveys and compiling data for each property in the Downtown area. The second part of the project is underway, and will involve the evaluation of the cultural heritage value of each property. This latter phase of the DBHI project is intended to provide a defensible basis for any additions to the municipal *Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*, as well as public education and consultation.

Planning staff is of the opinion that both parts of the Downtown Built Heritage Inventory project should be completed prior to any additions to the municipal Register outside of the regular process for individual requests for municipal designation and/or additions to the municipal Register.

Item 2(b):

There are no buildings within the Downtown study area that are owned by the Hamilton-Wentworth School Board and included in the City's *Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and/or Historical Value*. The basis for the identification of properties for inclusion in the municipal Register has not yet been established through the DBHI project; therefore, staff has not identified any additional properties of heritage value or interest within the Downtown study area that are owned by the Hamilton-Wentworth School Board.

Conclusion:

Based on the foregoing, it would be appropriate to remove this item from the Outstanding Business List.

- Appendix "A": Information Update - Downtown Built Heritage Inventory (City Wide)

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Attach. (1)



INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: Mayor and Members City Council	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
DATE: January 18, 2013	
SUBJECT: Downtown Built Heritage Inventory (City Wide)	
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In 2008 Council directed staff to complete a pilot study of properties in downtown Hamilton (PED08053), known as the Downtown Built Heritage Inventory (DBHI). The project was intended to review and update the existing Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and or Historical Interest by creating a comprehensive and consistent database of information on heritage resources. In the first phase of the pilot study staff inventoried 1,064 parcels of which approximately 800 met at least one criterion. The approximate 800 identified will be further evaluated in the second phase of the review.

The second phase of the project will derive an evaluation format and system for nomination of properties for prospective designation or for inclusion in the register as non-designated property under Parts IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act. Council also directed staff to conduct consultation with the public and affected property owners.

At the conclusion of the study, staff and the Municipal Heritage Committee will review the findings of the pilot study and report back to Council advising on:

- 1) Appropriate nominations of non-designated heritage properties to the Register of Properties of Cultural Value or Interest under the Ontario Heritage Act for an extensive 60 protection from demolition permit being issued;
- 2) Priority properties that may be worthy of designation under the Ontario Heritage Act for long term conservation purposes.

If successful, the processes developed for the pilot study may form the basis of similar work across the municipality.

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To date, detailed information has been gathered on all of the approximately 800 properties in the downtown and a database has been created.

At the start of January 2013, responsibility for the completion of the DBHI project was transferred to the Tourism and Culture Division. Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager of Heritage Resources will be project lead.

Ontario Regulation 9/06, amendment to the Ontario Heritage Act, outlines a set of criteria for determining the cultural heritage value or interest of a property. A property may be designated if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

Design/Physical Value

- 1) The property is of design or physical value if it:
 - a) is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method,
 - b) displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit or
 - c) demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

Historical/Associative Value

- 2) The property is of historical or associative value if it:
 - a) has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,
 - b) yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture or
 - c) demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.

Contextual Value

- 3) The property is of contextual value if it:
 - a) is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area,
 - b) is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or
 - c) is a landmark.

Using this set of criteria, Tourism and Culture staff will work with relevant stakeholders to establish a consistent and measurable evaluation process. Staff will consult with Municipal Heritage Committee during this process for their input.

As the evaluation process is developed, staff will also begin the public consultation phase. Public consultations will follow two phases: Public Information Meetings to gather input and inform citizens on the evaluation process and, separately, direct engagement with impacted property owners.

It is the expectation that we will deliver recommendations on the 800 properties by the end of 2013.

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