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### DESCRIPTION

- A collection of documents from Federal, Provincial and Municipal departments and Heritage Organizations to assist heritage property owners, planners, developers, realtors and architects with the conservation of built heritage resources in the historic Beasley neighbourhood, Hamilton.
- The collection will include heritage standards, guidelines, processes, funding and contacts to facilitate planning and design in the restoration, alteration of existing heritage properties and for new development impacting heritage.
- The contents will be available online and in a kit form for distribution

### OBJECTIVE

- To inform and educate those parties involved in decision making, planning and design affecting heritage buildings, streets and neighbourhoods, and to recommend Conservation Standards and Guidelines, and Policies and ByLaws found in the Official and Secondary Plans for Downtown Hamilton.
- To raise awareness and to inform the public, property owners and investors on the value of historical architecture and zones
- To increase knowledge of requirements, methods and available resources to facilitate the designation and the heritage permit processes.

### OPPORTUNITY

- The Beasley Neighbourhood Association has endorsed the project to help in protecting heritage resources in their historic downtown neighbourhood, especially in view of the growth and development taking place. Heritage Education is key to managing these changes and developments to incorporate and properly reuse heritage buildings rather than demolish them.
- The Heritage Education Package can be adapted to include materials relevant to any neighbourhood.

### RESULTS

- Better management of heritage resources to maintain and upgrade historic buildings, streets and neighbourhoods to preserve history and achievements in architecture and city planning for residents and visitors.
- Stakeholders and clients will have prior knowledge of policies, guidelines and bylaws of the City of Hamilton regarding the protection of heritage resources for sympathetic development in downtown historic areas.

The Beasley Neighbourhood Association is an exemplary supporter of Heritage Conservation initiatives. The membership is committed to preserving and reusing their heritage buildings, streets and districts as one of the goals and objectives of its Neighbourhood Plan of 2012. With the recent increase in development in Beasley and downtown, a project to increase public, private and corporate awareness and knowledge of heritage conservation and best practices seems timely. Heritage resources are extremely valuable to both residents and visitors in demonstrating Hamilton's history, past and present achievements and variety of period architectural styles and building methods.

The BNA elected me as heritage board member because of my background and experience in heritage conservation planning and projects with governments and as a heritage consultant. Over the past four years, I have developed and coordinated BNA projects to educate and promote Beasley heritage – an illustrated poster of heritage sites, a walking tour brochure of the neighbourhood, a fundraising campaign to help restore for a Gore property, the Hamilton 150<sup>th</sup> 'Heart of the City' Art Show and the upcoming 'Walk the Gore' brochure.

The need for a Heritage Education Package or Toolkit as an online resource was a recommendation that came out of the 2015 Workshop – 'City of Hamilton Review of Heritage Permit and Designation Processes'. City of Hamilton Heritage Planning had also published various brochures on these processes as well as guidelines on specific aspects of heritage restoration and design. The proposed BNA Education Package will be both online as well as a kit folder containing a table of contents and the printed materials within.

With these resources and recommendations in place, I extended my research to include many other relevant documents and consulted with City Planning and Project staff, Councillor Farr, the Friends of the Gore and Heritage Consultants to compile a list of contents for the Heritage Education Package. These contents were presented to the Beasley Neighbourhood Association at their November meeting, to City Heritage Staff, and to the Education and Communications and Policy and Design Working Groups of the Municipal Heritage Committee for feedback and input which were incorporated into the project contents and plan.

Councillor Jason Farr has endorsed this project and recommended we request a delegation to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee for a recommendation to Council. Since public education on heritage matters is essential to the successful conservation of our City's heritage resources, this package will play an invaluable role.

We are requesting a recommendation from the HMHC to Council to approve and support this project with funding and resources. If the project is recommended to Council a budget will be added and items specified. Council approval and support is requested to support and develop this project through the next stages to completion - continued research, consultation with stakeholders and clients, editing/revising long documents and illustrating with maps, drawing and photographs to make them more assessible to the user, creating new items (eg Masonry Guidelines 2018), design and layout packaging, printing and distribution. Thank you.

# HERITAGE EDUCATION PACKAGE CONTENTS (proposed 2018)

## GUIDELINES and STANDARDS

- Eight Guiding Principles in the Conservation of Built Heritage Properties
- Downtown HERITAGE CHARACTER ZONE DESIGN GUIDELINES (City of Hamilton)
- Heritage Character Zones from the Downtown Secondary Plan 2018
- City of Hamilton Downtown Cultural Resources Map
- TALL BUILDING STUDY, City of Hamilton (Excerpt on Heritage Conservation)
- City of Hamilton MASONRY GUIDELINES 2018
- City of Hamilton GUIDELINES ON CONSERVING ORIGINAL WINDOWS IN HERITAGE BUILDINGS
- City of Hamilton PROPERTY STANDARDS for Designated Heritage
- Maintaining the Exterior of Small and Medium Size Historic Buildings

## DESIGNATION & INVENTORY

- Ontario Heritage Act - Criteria for Designation
- List of designated and listed heritage properties in Beasley (from Inventory)
- What are Heritage Permits? Guide to Heritage Permits
- What is Heritage Designation? Heritage Designation Process
- What is the Inventory? What is the Register?
- Easements and covenants
- Hamilton Heritage Conservation Districts Map

## FUNDING

- City Financial Incentives for Heritage Properties
- Funding programs for heritage property owners and investors

## RESOURCES/CONTACTS/LINKS

## SUCCESS STORIES Conserving and integrating heritage in development

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