

HMHC Education & Communication Working Group Heritage Workshop Proposal

Who: Presented by:
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee,
Advisory Committee to Hamilton City
Council

Guest

Speaker:

Alan Stacey,
Principal of Heritage Mill, Conservator
Vice-President: Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals

Alan is a materials conservation specialist, trained in both an indentured five year apprenticeship as well as at Salisbury College, England, where he achieved distinction in his City & Guilds Diploma. Alan was schooled in the conservation approach to traditional building techniques, carpentry and joinery. As a student and an apprentice Alan also learned woodcarving, turning, and traditional historic paint and spirit finish conservation and restoration. Alan worked in professional practice in Europe and in the UK for over two decades before immigrating to Canada, where he now leads a skilled team of historic building conservation specialists that are dedicated to the preservation of Canadas built heritage. Projects include many significant historic buildings, including, The Welland Courthouse, Alderlea Heritage Estate, Auchmar Heritage Estate, Eaton Hall, Dundurn Castle.

What: Proposed Heritage Workshop
Working Title: "Preserving Built Heritage"

The Guest Speaker will deliver a lecture and demonstration on the conservation and restoration of heritage buildings with an emphasis on architectural woodwork and in particular windows and doors. He will use local Hamilton examples including the Hamilton Club, the Westdale Theatre, Dundurn Castle, Auchmar and Westinghouse. Attendees will be provided with information that will encourage the preservation of our built Heritage and an appreciation for these projects. In Alan Stacey's own words *"these projects are culturally significant; they serve to define the past and present, along with the cultural landscapes in which we live and work."*

Why:

- To promote best practices in heritage conservation
- To offer hands-on, educational opportunities for the general public
- To support and fulfill HMHC's mandate

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Where: Westinghouse HQ,
286 Sanford Avenue N., Hamilton, Ontario L8L 6A1

The Hamilton branch of Westinghouse Air Brake Company was founded in 1867 and was the first site of the company outside the United States. In 1903 they incorporated and the Canadian Westinghouse Company Limited was established.

Designed by the Hamilton architectural firm of Prack & Perrine, the new head office of the Canadian Westinghouse Company Limited was built in 1917 in the Classical Revival style. This beautiful five-storey office building was constructed across the street from the factory and included a bridge for easy movement between the office and the manufacturing buildings. In 1928, two additional floors were added.

Falling on tough economic times, these offices closed and the building sat vacant since the mid-80's. The was Designated in 1988, highlighting the original architectural features of all four exterior facades, including the brick masonry walls, stone trim and wood-framed, double hung windows.

It has only been in recent years that the property was purchased by Electric City Developments and the adaptive reuse of this landmark building has been undertaken to create modern office and event space that is sustainable and accessible.

When: Wednesday February 19th, 2020 (During Heritage Week in

Ontario) Tentative Agenda: Doors Open:

6:30 pm

Introductions:	7:00 pm
Presentation:	7:15 pm – 8:15 pm
Break Time:	8:15pm – 8:30
pm Q & A Session:	8:30pm – 8:50
pm Wrap-up:	8:50pm – 9:00
pm (To be confirmed with Alan Stacey)	

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How:

- This is a FREE event offered to members of the public.
- The public are encouraged to REGISTER in advance of the event.
- Alan Stacey has offered his time at no cost to HMHC
- Westinghouse HQ has offered access to their property at no cost to HMHC (This is to be Confirmed) - Room Rental (if required) would be \$135.00 - \$185.00
- Other Expenses?
 - Administrative / Promotional?
 - Snacks & Refreshments? Partial Sponsorship? (Durand Coffee has offered to provide snacks and refreshments at cost for 125 guests for \$120.00)

Recommendations:

1. That Hamilton City Council support the involvement of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee in this proposed Heritage Workshop; as a way to promote best practices in heritage conservation, to offer hands-on, educational opportunities for the general public and to support and fulfill HMHC's mandate.
2. That snacks and refreshments (no-alcoholic) be provided for participants. Staff to allocate the required funds from the appropriate budget / account.
3. That should there be a cost associated with a room rental for this event, that Staff can allocate the required funds from the appropriate budget / account.