

Education & Communication Working Group

Meeting Notes

Thursday, March 6, 2025 (6:00 pm – 7:00pm)

Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Present: Alissa Denham-Robinson (Chair), Karen Burke, Julia Renaud, Robin McKee,

Regrets: Graham Carroll, Sara Sandham, Stefan Spolnik, Kristen McLaughlin

Staff Present: Lisa Christie, Cultural Heritage Planner

1. Changes to the Agenda

N/a

2. Declarations of Interest

- a. Alissa Denham-Robinson - related to the HMHC Heritage Recognition Awards - Heritage Streetscape Revitalization (August Street Businesses including but not limited to 20 Augusta Street). A family member works for the project Architect.
- b. Robin McKee - related to the HMHC Heritage Recognition Awards - Heritage Group, Society or Specialty Team (Beach Canal Lighthouse Group). Robin currently sits on the Board of Directors of the BCLG.

3. Review of Previous Meeting Notes:

- a. December 4, 2024 - Approved by general consensus.
- b. February 5, 2025 - Approved by general consensus.

4. Public Outreach and Events:

- a. HMHC Heritage Recognition Awards 2024-25
 - i. The Working Group generally discussed planning items for the next Award Celebration.
 - Date: June 26, 2025
 - Location: Bridgeworks, 200 Caroline St., Hamilton
 - ii. HMHC and Working Group Members reviewed the current nomination list to be finalized.

5. Other Business

- a. Opportunity for Hamilton to host a future CHO Ontario Heritage Conference
 - i. Alissa D-R provided an outline of the potential for Hamilton to host a conference. The Working Group was generally in favour of this opportunity.

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- ii. Robin McKee noted that he was involved in the planning of the inaugural CHO Conference held in Hamilton in 2004. Ken Coit and Rob Hamilton were also involved.

b. Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Association (HWHHA) Awards

i. Volunteer Recognition

- 1. As a member of the HWHHA, the Working Group would like to recommend that HMHC submit Janice Brown for a Volunteer Recognition Certificate.

Suggested Citation: Janice Brown is recognized for her outstanding dedication and contributions to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (HMHC) over her four-year term as member of this citizen advisory committee to Hamilton City Council.

As Chair of the HMHC Inventory & Research Working Group, Janice played a vital role in researching heritage properties and completing comprehensive assessment forms for Built Heritage Inventory projects.

Additionally, as a member of the HMHC Education & Communication Working Group, Janice fostered community engagement by coordinating the Heritage Colouring Book Project with Bernie Custis Secondary School and assisting in the successful organization of the annual HMHC Heritage Recognition Awards.

Janice started advocating on behalf of heritage when she was a driving force with the Durand Neighbourhood Association and helped preserve the unique heritage and landscapes of that neighbourhood. Janice's commitment to heritage education and preservation has left a lasting impact on our City.

- 2. HWHHA Heritage Volunteer Recognition Certificates will be presented at the City of Hamilton Heritage Volunteer Service Awards Ceremony. This ceremony will take place during National Volunteer Week on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:30 pm, at the Coach House at Dundurn Castle.

ii. T.M. Bailey Award for Lifetime Achievement

- 1. The Working Group would like to recommend that HMHC submit Dr. Grant Head for recognition.

This nomination is made in light of the 50th Anniversary of the Ontario Heritage Act this year and the significant role that Dr. Head played in the creation of the Act, the designation of the first designated property in Ontario (Hamilton's Sandyford Place) and his role as Chair of Hamilton's First LACAC.

6. Next Meeting(s):

- a. HMHC Heritage Awards Review – Tuesday April 1, 2025 at 7pm