



HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES HMHC 26-003

12:00 p.m.

March 27, 2026

Room 264, 2nd Floor (Hybrid)

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor C. Kroetsch
A. Denham-Robinson (Chair), G. Carroll (Vice-Chair), K. Burke,
A. Douglas, L. Lunsted, A. MacLaren and S. Spolnik (Virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Denham-Robinson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There being no objections, a discussion respecting a Request for Presentation by Indigenous Relations Team was added as Item 11.5.

(Carroll/Lunsted)

That the agenda for the March 27, 2026, meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 February 20, 2026

(Spolnik/Burke)

That the Minutes of the February 20, 2026, meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(MacLaren/Lunsted)

That the following Items for Information, be received:

7.1 PED26094

**Delegated Approvals Respecting Heritage Permit Applications
HP2026-002 and HP2026-003 (Wards 2 and 15)**

7.2 Heritage Permit Review Sub-Committee

- (a) October 21, 2025**
- (b) December 16, 2025**
- (c) January 20, 2026**

**7.3 Education and Communication Working Group Meeting Notes –
December 10, 2025**

7.4 Policy and Design Working Group Meeting Notes – February 9, 2026

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 PED24140(b)

**Melville-Park West Heritage Conservation District Plan in Dundas
(Ward 13)**

Alissa Golden, Cultural Heritage Program Lead, addressed Committee respecting Report PED24140(b), Melville-Park West Heritage Conservation District Plan in Dundas (Ward 13), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Carroll/MacLaren)

That Report PED24140(b), dated March 27, 2026, respecting Melville-Park West Heritage Conservation District Plan in Dundas (Ward 13) and the accompanying presentation, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the final Melville-Park West Heritage Conservation District Plan, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED24140(b), BE RECEIVED;
- (b) That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee ADVISE Council that the proposed Melville-Park West Heritage Conservation District is worthy of designation under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with the District Plan

CARRIED

**8.2 PED26054
Monthly Report on Proactive Listings for the Municipal Heritage Register, March 2026 (Ward 3)**

(Douglas/Spolnik)

That Report PED26054, dated March 27, 2026, respecting Monthly Report on Proactive Listings for the Municipal Heritage Register, March 2026 (Ward 3), be received, and the following recommendation be approved:

- (a) That staff BE DIRECTED to list the following properties on the Municipal Heritage Register as non-designated properties, as outlined in Report PED26054, in accordance with Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*:
 - (i) 15 Victoria Street North, Hamilton;
 - (ii) 269 King William Street, Hamilton;
 - (iii) 271 King William Street, Hamilton;
 - (iv) 273 King William Street, Hamilton; and,
 - (v) 275 King William Street, Hamilton.

CARRIED

Chair A. Dunham-Robinson relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair G. Carroll in order to introduce the following Motions:

9. MOTIONS

9.1 Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee's Heritage Recognition Awards (2025-2026)

(Denham-Robinson/Burke)

WHEREAS, the mandate of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee includes advising City staff and Council on programs and activities to

increase public awareness and knowledge of heritage conservation issues, and to participate in heritage events and activities, such as the Annual Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Heritage Recognition Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Education and Communication Working Group of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee has reviewed the nominations for this year's Recognition Awards and have coordinated the proposed awards event date and location.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee's Heritage Recognition Awards be held on Thursday September 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Bridgeworks, 200 Caroline Street, Hamilton, Ontario.

CARRIED

9.2 Designation Plaquing Program

(Denham-Robinson/Burke)

WHEREAS, the mandate of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee includes advising City staff and Council on programs and activities to increase public awareness and knowledge of heritage conservation issues, and to participate in heritage events and activities;

WHEREAS, the plaquing of properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* increases the public awareness of Hamilton's significant built heritage resources; and

WHEREAS, the previous plaquing program for the City of Hamilton has been dissolved and there is currently no active municipal program (fully funded or otherwise) in place to plaque designated heritage properties.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee in Q4 2026 with a report outlining recommendations to address the current backlog and future state of plaquing properties designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, including the feasibility of implementing a municipality funded program.

CARRIED

A. Dunham-Robinson assumed the Chair.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notice of Motions.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Winter 2026 McMaster Student Practicum Project Presentation

Scott Dickinson, Cultural Heritage Planner, introduced Cody Storms, History & Classics Student, McMaster University, and Zifeng Xia, History Student, McMaster University, who addressed Committee respecting the Winter 2026 McMaster Student Practicum Project Presentation, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Burke/Lunsted)

That the presentation from Cody Storms, History & Classics Student, McMaster University, and Zifeng Xia, History Student, McMaster University, respecting the Winter 2026 McMaster Student Practicum Project Presentation, be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Verbal Update respecting the Ontario Heritage Conference being held in Hamilton on June 18-20, 2026

Committee members discussed the upcoming Ontario Heritage Conference being held on June 18-20, 2026, in Hamilton.

(Burke/MacLaren)

That the Verbal Update respecting the Ontario Heritage Conference being held in Hamilton on June 18-20, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

11.3 Discussion respecting Reducing Demolition by Neglect Notice of Motion introduced at the Planning Committee on March 24, 2026

Committee members discussed the Notice of Motion introduced at the Planning Committee on March 24, 2026, respecting Reducing Demolition by Neglect.

(Carroll/Spolnik)

That the Discussion respecting Reducing Demolition by Neglect Notice of Motion introduced at the Planning Committee on March 24, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

11.4 Heritage Buildings and Landscapes Watch List

(Carroll/Lunsted)

That 56 York Boulevard / 63-76 MacNab Street North, Copley Building, be removed from the Heritage Buildings and Landscapes Watch List.

CARRIED

11.5 Request for Presentation by Indigenous Relations Team

Committee members discussed the Request for Presentation by Indigenous Relations Team.

(Carroll/Lunsted)

That the discussion respecting a Request for Presentation by Indigenous Relations Team, be received.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting was adjourned, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Gauthier
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Alissa Denham-Robinson
Chair, Hamilton Municipal Heritage
Committee