



Hamilton

MINUTES

HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 17, 2011

12:00 noon, Room 264

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario

Present: A. French (Chair)
A. Denham-Robinson (Vice Chair)
Councillors L. Ferguson, and B. McHattie
M. Adkins, A. Charlton, M. Kirk, K. Wakeman, S. Wray, G. Zajac

Absent: Councillor M. Pearson – City Business
S. Nowak – Illness
R. Simpson – Other Commitments
S. Stewart-Greene - Vacation

Also Present: M. Sergi, Manager, Community Planning and Design
D. Cuming, Senior Project Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
M. House, Cultural Heritage Planner
J. Muller, Cultural Heritage Planner
R. Tanna, Assistant Cultural Heritage Planner – Student
C. Newman, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

- (i) Additional information respecting item 9.2 (a) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North Hamilton (L)
- (iii) Additional information respecting item 10.4 Heritage Property Awards Presentation 2010
- (i) Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee – Minutes, Dated January 11, 2011 (added as Item 10.6)

(Adkins/Kirk)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Kathy Wakeman indicated that she works for Honeywell International which is involved in the work being done at Grove Hall, Hickory House, Gateview, and surrounding landscape, 100 West 5th Street. She declared a conflict and refrained from discussing and voting on this item

3. DELEGATION REQUESTS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (Item 3)

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

- (a) Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes, dated January 20, 2011 (Item 4.1)**

(Wray/Wakeman)

That the Minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Item 5)

- (a) Status of Agencies Boards and Committees application process (A. French) (Item 5.1)**

Chair French indicated that the current Committee will still be required to meet in March. The City Clerks Office has advised that Council is expected to appoint the new Committee in mid-April.

(Denham-Robinson/Ferguson)

That the information regarding the status of the Agencies, Boards and Committees application process be received.

CARRIED

- (b) 2011 HMHC Awards Ceremony. (A. French) (Item 5.2)**

Chair French proposed a motion to cover the expenses arising from the 2010 HMHC Awards Ceremony, held on February 15, 2011.

(Denham-Robinson/Ferguson)

That a budget of no more than \$200 excluding GST/PST/HST be approved for this event and that the funds be allocated from the appropriate Planning and Economic Development Department Account.

CARRIED

6. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (Item 6)

(a) Delegated Approvals (Item 6.1)

- (i) Heritage Permit Application (temporary roofing and chimney removal) 25 Tecumseh Street, Hamilton, Gardener's Cottage (Ward 1) (Item 6.1.1)**

(Adkins/Charlton)

That Item 6.1.1 be received.

CARRIED

7. HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS

None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (a) 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton (St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton - Mountain Campus) (M. House) (Item 8.1)**

- **Heritage Impact Assessment for Hickory House**
- **Status Report re: Documentation and Salvage Report of Hickory House**

Meghan House stated that the heritage impact assessment and salvage report is complete. The documents will be sent to the Policy and Design Sub-Committee for review.

Ms. Wray inquired about the Coach House located at the West 5th site.

Ms. House indicated that the reports focus only on Hickory House. There are in fact two buildings on the property which have been excluded from the current proposal.

(Zajac/Adkins)

That the Heritage Impact Assessment for Hickory House and Status Report re: Documentation and Salvage Report of Hickory House be forwarded to the Policy and Design Sub-Committee for the purpose of review and commentary. **CARRIED**

(Adkins/Wray)

That the information and reports regarding 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton (St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton - Mountain Campus) be received.

CARRIED

**(b) Heritage Permit respecting 183 St Clair Boulevard (verbal update)
(J. Muller) (Item 8.2)**

Joe Muller stated that the matter was before the court on February 4, 2011. The next court date is set for March 11, 2011 and the case is proceeding.

(Adkins/Denham-Robinson)

That the update respecting the Heritage Permit respecting 183 St Clair Boulevard be received.

CARRIED

(c) Proposal of Billy Green Half Marathon (M. Adkins) (added as Item 8.3)

Michael Adkins indicated that in keeping with HMHC's interests, it is important to try to attract new people to the heritage community. As an outreach initiative, Mr. Adkins proposed a half marathon from Burlington Heights to Battlefield Park. The plan is for the marathon to coincide with activities proposed for the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek. Mr. Adkins felt confident that there is sufficient support to see this marathon develop.

Chair French indicated to the Committee that timing may be a problem with other events being planned throughout the City. Chair French thought it was a good idea but will require a considerable amount of planning if it were to happen by 2012.

The Committee indicated that Mr. Adkins should discuss this idea with the Heritage Events Coordinator before moving forward.

(McHattie/Charlton)

That Mr. Adkins hold discussions with the Culture Division respecting the development of a half marathon to commemorate the Battle of Stoney Creek and report back. **CARRIED**

9. Buildings and Landscapes

(a) Endangered Buildings and Landscapes:

(i) Treble Hall, 6-12 John Street North, Hamilton (L) – Councillor B. McHattie

Councillor McHattie indicated that Jeff Feswick owns the property. Ms. House indicated that they have not received any formal plans for the property.

Mr. Cuming indicated that there is a request for designation by Robert Hamilton and as a matter of courtesy Mr. Cuming had advised Mr. Feswick, who was in attendance at the HMHC awards night, of this initiative.

(ii) Auchmar Gate House, 71 Claremont Drive, Hamilton (L)(R) – M. Adkins

No change.

(iii) St. Marks, 120 Bay Street South, Hamilton (D) – S. Stewart-Greene

No change.

(iv) Tivoli, 108 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – Councillor B. McHattie

No update

(v) Book House, 167 Book Road East, Ancaster (L) – A. Charlton

Ms. Charlton stated that she heard it had been vandalized.

(vi) The Royal Connaught Hotel, 112 King Street East, Hamilton (L) – M. Adkins

Mr. Adkins has heard rumours that Brock University or Columbia College may purchase it but nothing has materialized.

- (vii) Andrew Sloss House, 372 Butter Road West, Ancaster (D) – A. Charlton**

No update

- (viii) (Thomas Building) – 46 – 52 James Street North, Hamilton (D) – S. Stewart-Greene**

Ms. House indicated that the remainder of the building will be demolished in a week or two.

Councillor McHattie asked if there was a plan in place moving forward.

Ms. House indicated that there was no official site plan or application at this time.

- (ix) All Saints Church, 15 Queen Street South, Hamilton (L) - (A. Charlton)**

Mr. Cuming indicated that the need for a full heritage impact assessment was waived, as there is no heritage consultant that could be found to undertake it. The City requires structural drawings and photographs of the location which were delivered this week. One issue is that the photo documentation submitted contains photographs that appear to be out of focus.

Mr. Cuming commented on the potential OMB hearing and indicated that the appeal was respecting the reduction of parking spaces and increase in height of the building.

- (x) Grove Hall, Hickory House, Gateview, Century Manor and surrounding landscape, 100 West 5th Street, Hamilton (L)(R)(D)– (A. French)**

Chair French stated that the current site looks poor.

- (xi) Erland Lee Home and Museum, 552 Ridge Road, Stoney Creek**

Chair French advised the Committee there is still much uncertainty surrounding the closure and future of the Erland Lee Home and Museum in Stoney Creek.

(McHattie/Charlton)

That the Erland Lee Home and Museum be added to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee's list of Endangered Buildings and Landscapes.

CARRIED

(b) Buildings and Landscapes of Concern

(i) Federal Building, 150 Main Street West (L) – M. Adkins

Mr. Adkins indicated that at the Planning Committee the request to designate the building was received. Mr. Vranich has indicated that he is willing to save the art works by Dr. Elizabeth Holbrook.

Mr. Cuming indicated that there is not set date for demolition but the permit has been granted. The covenants agreed upon during the sale of the building are between Mr. Vranich and the Federal Government did not provide any legal grounds to prevent the Building Department from issuing a demolition permit under the Building Code.

Councillor McHattie indicated he spoke to Public Works and Government Services Canada, who were unaware of the demolition permit. They subsequently wrote to Mr. Vranich asking him to withdraw the demolition permit.

Councillor Ferguson stated that the zoning of the land does not allow a parking lot. Mr. Vranich has been charged and convicted of having illegal parking lots in the City of Hamilton.

Councillor McHattie wanted the Committee to know that Councillor Farr has been working diligently with the developer and believes that the art work will be saved.

(ii) Desjardins Canal, Dundas, Hamilton (R) – S. Nowak

No change.

(c) Heritage Properties Update

(i) Auchmar, 88 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (D) – G. Zajac

No update.

**(ii) Lister Block, 28-44 James Street North, Hamilton (D) –
Councillor B. McHattie**

Ms. House had a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Lister

Block project which included:

- Repaired and cleaned terra cotta
- Scaffolding taken down
- Addition of lead coated flashing around crown pieces to withstand weather
- Installation of wood heritage windows
- Repair of holes and signage markings
- Restored store fronts, replacement of copper window surrounds
- Pictures of the building during restoration

Committee discussed the matter and had the following information provided by staff:

- Most of the work will be done by March and the City will begin looking for tenants soon after.
- It may take a year or so after the City takes it over for the building to open.
- The presumption is there will be two openings, one for staff and another for the general public.
- The Committee agreed that work could begin on a plaque for the Lister Block.
- Committee congratulated heritage staff on the great job they have done respecting the Lister Block and hope that the contractors working on the Lister Block are considered for a heritage award next year.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (a) Letter from the Ontario Heritage Trust regarding, Ontario Heritage Week 2011 – February 21 to 27. (Item 10.1)**
- (b) Ontario Heritage Conference 2011, Creating the Will, Cobourg – June 3 – 5, 2011. (Item 10.2)**
- (c) City Urban Design Awards – November 2011. (D. Cuming) (Item 10.3)**
- (d) HMHC Awards synopsis. (Item 10.4)**
- (e) Lister Block update. (M. House) (PowerPoint presentation) (J. Muller) (Item 10.5)**

- (f) **Joint Plaquing Sub-Committee – Minutes, Dated January 11, 2011(added Item 10.6)**

(Denham-Robinson/Charlton)

That Items 10(a) through 10(f) be received for information.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

(Adkins/Charlton)

That the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Art French, Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Assistant,
City Clerk's Office
February 17, 2011