



The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society

(Founded in 1996)

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Meghan House
Cultural Heritage Planner
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Re: Designation of Chedoke House

Dear Ms. House:

The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society was formed in 1996 with the objectives of increasing public awareness and appreciation of local heritage, collecting and preserving documentary evidence related to the Mountain and advocating for the preservation of the built heritage of the Hamilton Mountain.

The members of the HMHS voted at the general meeting of May 2014, to approach the City of Hamilton to begin the heritage designation process to have Chedoke House municipally designated.

Built in 1836 in the Regency style Chedoke House is one of the oldest homes on the Mountain, and certainly the grandest. Situated on the Mountain Brow, west of Garth Street, Chedoke House was owned by the Balfour Family until the recent death of Wilson Balfour Baxter. Chedoke House is currently owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Members of the Society are aware of the City's current lease of the house and property, plans for an on-site caretaker and scenarios in which funds could be raised for the maintenance of Chedoke House. We applaud those initiatives that will keep the building from falling into disrepair. As the preservation of our built heritage is one of the main objectives of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society, it is our hope that the City of Hamilton will bestow designation status on this treasure.

Yours truly,

Robin McKee, President
Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society

cc: Sean Fraser, Director, Heritage Programs and Operations, Ontario Heritage Trust
Anna Bradford, Director of Tourism and Culture, City of Hamilton