Appendix E
SITE HISTORY – Archaeological, Cultural Heritage and Planning Background

This appendix contains/refers to a number of documents which provide archaeological, cultural heritage and planning background for the proposed Public Art Project site.

1. **Archaeological** - source West Harbour Piers 5 to 8, Pumping Station and Force(s), Environmental Assessment, City of Hamilton by Fisher Archaeological, November 1, 2013, Pages 5 & 6. (Attached Appendix E – Archaeological -- 3 pages)


3. **Planning Background** - The following section provides background regarding a number of planning documents which impact the proposed Public Art site.

**Setting Sail West Harbour Secondary Plan**

Setting Sail is a land use plan for the West Harbour. The Secondary Plan was the first of many initiatives for the West Harbour. It establishes the framework for public improvements and private development to promote season-long and year-round enjoyment and appreciation of the waterfront.

Promoting a healthy harbour including but not limited to:
- Employ “best practice” techniques for storm water management to minimize reliance on the existing combined sewer system;
- Encourage water conservation;
- Maintain or enhance existing aquatic and shoreline habitats;
- Remove, replace or seal potentially harmful sub-surface materials, as per statutory policies and guidelines
- Identify and protect key views and improve public access to the harbour
- Increase the public’s understanding and appreciation of the harbour and watershed from an ecological perspective.
- Create a diverse, balanced and animated waterfront with trails, parks, boating facilities on the West Harbour waterfront attract people from near and far and guarantee a variety of outdoor activity throughout the warmer months
- Become a year-round destination offering things to do in the colder months, such uses can provide a greater range of attractions year-round.
- Promote a diversity of land uses along the waterfront, including open space, marine recreation, residential, cultural, commercial, and institutional
- Maintain a balance of active and passive recreational uses and outdoor and indoor waterfront attractions;
- Enhance the city as a tourist destination…
As noted in “Setting Sail,” the Secondary Plan for West Harbour:

“Over the past 200 years, Hamilton’s West Harbour has undergone many changes as Hamilton has grown and evolved. In recent decades, much of the industry in the area has departed, leaving behind large parcels of vacant underused and contaminated land; only a few significant employers remain. The creation of Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park and the Waterfront Trail has opened vast stretches of the waterfront for public enjoyment. In 2000, the Hamilton Port Authority conveyed the bulk of Piers 1, 2, and 5-8 to the City. With the gradual disappearance of heavy industry and movement of commercial port activity comes the opportunity to expand the program of public improvements and attract new types of development for the betterment of the local community and city as a whole”.

**Hamilton West Harbour Waterfront Recreational Master Plan (HWHWRMP)**

The Hamilton West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan prepared in 2010 defines and clarifies planning design guidelines that will guide and shape development of the buildings and landscapes of the west harbour for the foreseeable future. The Master Plan establishes a waterfront vision which builds upon the City of Hamilton’s Setting Sail policies as well as the stakeholder and public input received during this master planning process.

One of the design guidelines established by the master plan was public art with a number of suggested locations, one being the foot of James Street.

**City of Hamilton West Harbour Waterfront Master Plan**
[https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/planning-community/west-harbour](https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/planning-community/west-harbour)

**City of Hamilton West Harbour West Concept Plan**
[https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/planning-community/west-harbour](https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/planning-community/west-harbour)