



Hamilton/Burlington
Society of Architects

ANNUAL REPORT

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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The Hamilton/Burlington Society of Architects began 2022 with a focus on reconnecting with its members. Since being limited to virtual meetings for several years due to the pandemic, the Society was cognizant of its need to adapt and to be accessible to its membership by providing various ways for people to connect, including in-person and virtual meetings, as well as social and professional events. This awareness of change led to revisiting the time and location of monthly meetings, which had not changed in over a decade, and to redesigning the website as a tool for communication, community engagement and education.

After government restrictions were eased the HBSA resumed its in-person meetings in February 2022, which was welcomed with enthusiasm by our members who had missed the connection with their peers that monthly meetings had provided them in the past. In addition to reaching out to HBSA members and affiliates, the Society placed focus on reconnecting with the Construction Specifications Canada Hamilton / Niagara Chapter (CSC H-N) to discuss a return to regular continuing education events and the revival of the annual charity golf tournament. Throughout the year, several events incorporated continuing education opportunities for members spanning a range of topics, such as the intersection of public art and development, houselessness and the current housing crisis, recent OBC changes, and implications to the approvals process brought on by recent municipal and provincial legislation changes. The HBSA also continues to support the work of our members in the exhibition of "The Power of Design" and by promoting and circulating the "Missing Middle" final documentation, both of which were made possible with the support of OAA special funding.

On October 4th, the HBSA and the GVSA met virtually with OAA President Susan Spiegel, to discuss the OAA's current priorities. The HBSA ended the year with a Holiday Party at the Hamilton Club where members donated over 900 pairs of socks that were distributed to local charities, and where the Society presented The Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS) with a donation to support the work they are doing for the unhoused in Hamilton.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meeting Venue Expansion

Focused on re-engaging membership, the HBSA created different opportunities for meeting attendance by changing venues, dates and hosting socials. The changes resulted in increased expenses, but were very well received, resulting in some members attending for the first time in many years. It also provided the opportunity for the Society to support different local restaurants, who had been negatively affected by the recent pandemic.

The Power of Design

The photographic exhibit continued at the Cotton Factory in Hamilton until Fall 2022. We continue to support the development of the project as it takes on new forms.

Housing Crisis in Hamilton (and beyond)

Focused research into the local housing crisis resulted in the meaningful support of HATS (Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters).

Homelessness Habitation Discussion Panel

The panel brought together a variety of people together who shared first-hand knowledge and helped to inform the HBSA on 'what is going on' and 'what are we doing' from various operations perspectives, as they engage and support the under-housed population in the Hamilton-area. The speakers addressed this topic from very different directions with a range of experience, including short-term and longer-term solutions to housing-first. HATS and Indwell presented their work and discussed the design solutions needed in the housing crisis.

Hamilton Doors Open

The event returned May 7-8, 2022, and the HBSA was pleased to support them with a \$1,500 donation.

Threshold School of Building – Bayfront Builders Challenge 2022

For the third year, HBSA members participated in the building competition on June 9th. Two teams representing HBSA & YAH participated in the challenge, designing and building garden furniture, which was then auctioned off to local community members. The event helped to raise awareness of the School of Building and their programs to train at-risk youth in the building trades.

Social Events

A social event was organized in August at the Rosedale Lawn Bowling club, bringing established and emerging practitioners together. It even provided the opportunity to review, discuss and provide a design critique to the City regarding a looking at Albion Falls.

Other Charity Work

YAH and HBSA also participated in our annual sock drive collecting over 900 pairs of socks to donate to vulnerable members in our community. In response to the pandemic, our annual golf tournament is being re-organized with Construction Specifications Canada Hamilton-Niagara Chapter and was postponed until 2023.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

The HBSA organized several continuing education opportunities for its members in partnership with various organizations such as the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the City of Hamilton.

2022 OBC Changes Presentation (February 17, 2022)

At the February (zoom) meeting, the HBSA hosted Building Code Consultant Glen Good, to provide a structured learning seminar covering recent and noteworthy changes to the Ontario Building Code, and the impact and interpretations of those changes in practice.

AGH Art Festival (October 17, 2022)

The Alice Street Screening and Panel Discussion was co-sponsored by the HBSA & YAH and hosted at the AGH Tanenbaum Pavilion. "Alice Street," is a film about a rapidly gentrifying city, where the construction of a luxury condominium threatens a local mural forcing the artists and a neighborhood to rally to protect its history, voice, and land. The film's themes were discussed by local professionals from development and arts as they relate to their unique experiences in Hamilton, and to the changing face of design practice here. Following protocols for gathering, we had a great turnout for the event with a diverse background, which sparked some interesting discussions around the role of design in all aspects of life and introduced several community stakeholders to one another who expressed an interest in collaborating together.

City of Hamilton (Bill 109) Site Plan Approval Information Session (December 6th, 2022)

Presented by Ken Coit, Manager of Heritage and Urban Design, Planning Division, City of Hamilton, the information and training session was prepared for the Hamilton-Burlington Society of Architects membership, to review the changes to the Site Plan Approval process for the City in response to Bill 109. The changes came into effect January 1, 2023. The session was offered in-person and via streaming and a recording was made available to members who were unable to attend.



BILL 109 - CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESSES

Bill 109 – the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

The HBSA participated in several initiatives that helped to advocate for positive working relationships with the City of Hamilton as well as other industry groups, which helped to inform policies that promote the betterment of our built environment as well as the profession of architecture:

City of Hamilton

Design Review Panel for Pier 8

- The City invited members of the HBSA to participate in a special DRP to review concepts for Pier 8, an important site along Hamilton's Bayfront.

Family Friendly Housing Policy Stakeholder Meeting

- HBSA members were invited to comment on the development of a family friendly housing policy and to participate in a community presentation on the topic. The policy is being formed in response to concerns about the proliferation of high end one-bedroom units in the city.

Strategic Plan To Create Affordable Housing Supply In The Secondary Rental Market

- HBSA members to participated in stakeholder consultation and City Presentation of results.

Public Works

- In response to the letter the HBSA submitted to the City of Hamilton expressing concern for the proposed lookout design at Albion Falls, a key Landmark in the City, the City worked to define a better process and create dialogue with the HBSA as stakeholders. This resulted in a design review package that was distributed to membership in August.

Development Industry Liaison Group (DILG)

- The most prominent topics of discussion for the group were Bill 109 and changes to Hamilton's current zoning by-law regarding parking reduction. A continuing education session was held with the City of Hamilton's Planning department regarding the implications of Bill 109. (See event details under Continuing Education)

Hamilton Halton Home Builders' Assoc. / West-End Home Builders' Assoc.

- The HBSA collaborated with both groups providing feedback to the City of Hamilton regarding various topics including the City's Construction Management Plan and the approval process of Secondary Dwelling Units. Together with Environment Hamilton, the groups issued a letter to the City of Hamilton with suggestions to streamline the approvals process specifically pertaining to common issues which often caused delay in the approvals process. The HBSA also drafted a general letter of support for Secondary Dwelling Units, which was made available to its members and will be available on the new website for members of the public, outlining the Society's support for the development of secondary dwelling units.

HBSA SPECIAL FUNDING

The OAA contributed to several initiatives the Society undertook in 2022, including:

Hamilton/Burlington Society of Architects' Homeless Habitation Symposium (\$2,500)

- Part of 2021 requests, this money was used at the September 2022 panel discussion & the remainder donated to the organizations.

Website Redesign (\$4,000)

- This amount was put towards a complete redesign of the HBSA website to make consistent updating more convenient and accessible. The website is well underway and will soon include a public facing portion for community events and a members-only portion for resources.

Missing Middle Design Charrette documentation (\$6,000)

- This document summarized the extensive information created during the charette held in 2020 and is now available for public viewing on the new website, www.hbsarchitect.ca.

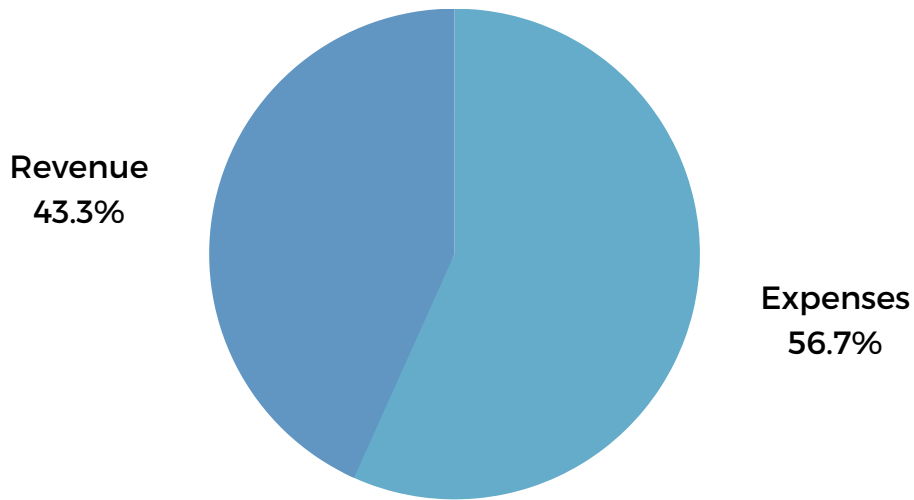




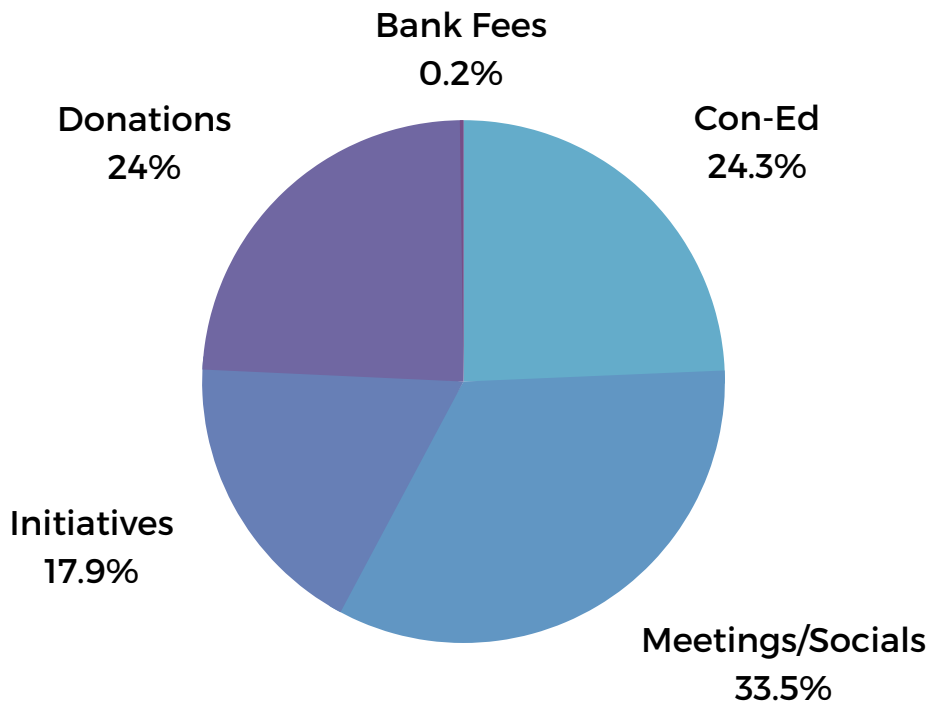
FINANCIAL REPORT

The HBSA accounts saw greater activity with the return to in-person events and meetings. In order to offset the impacts of the pandemic as well as rising inflation the HBSA saw its in-person meeting costs rise significantly over previous years. The HBSA executives have made inquiries for other locations and volunteer firms to host in-person meetings. The society maintains a net positive account in order to support the coming year. The graphs below provide a visual summary of the complete breakdown on the following page.

Revenue & Expenses



Expenses by Category





FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

January 1 to December 31, 2022

Starting Balance				\$ 25,297.57
	Expense	Revenue	Profit/Loss	
HBSA Meetings (in-person)	\$ 4,065.53		(\$ 4,065.53)	
HBSA Con-Ed OBC 2022 updates	\$ 1,500.00		(\$ 1,500.00)	
HBSA Summer Social (Roselawn bowling)	\$ 917.98		(\$ 917.98)	
HBSA Con-Ed Bill 109 Site Plan updates	\$ 156.49		(\$ 156.49)	
HBSA Holiday Party	\$ 4,068.15	\$ 500.00	(\$ 3,568.15)	
OAA SPA Millennial Housing - report 2+3	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,850.00	
OAA SPA Homelessness Habitation Seminar	\$ 1,179.70		(\$ 1,179.70)	
HBSA/YAH - TSOB Bayfront Builders	\$ 577.80		(\$ 577.80)	
HBSA/YAH - AGH Film Fest	\$ 3,740.70		(\$ 3,740.70)	
Donation to Doors Open	\$ 1,500.00		(\$ 1,500.00)	
Donation to HATS	\$ 5,000.00		(\$ 5,000.00)	
Membership Dues OAA		\$ 9,835.00	\$ 9,835.00	
Membership Dues Affiliate Members		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Misc. / Banking Fees	\$ 61.00		(\$ 61.00)	
Website / Social Media	\$ 162.31		(\$ 162.31)	
Website Rebuild deposit	\$ 960.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,040.00	
	\$ 27,039.66	\$ 20,635.00	-\$ 6,404.66	
Ending Balance				\$ 18,892.91