

**Wednesday, March 18th, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall**

**The Dundas Community Council met.**

**There were Present:** Russ Powers, Councillor  
Larry Button  
Bob James  
Bill Kennedy, Environment  
Phyllis Kraemer, Business  
Fiorigio Minelli  
Stan Nowak, Heritage  
Jeff Saunders  
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation

**Regrets:** Maria Antonakos  
David Sweet, MP

**Absent:** Patti Cannon

**Also Present:** Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News  
Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor's Office

**1. Remarks from the MP, MPP, School Trustees – None**

Clr. Powers thanked the group for the flower tributes and contributions in memory of his late wife, Linda.

**2. Previous Meeting Report**

The report from the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Jeff Saunders, seconded by Keith Sharp, to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

**3 Presentations and Discussions – None**

**4. Updates on Business from Previous Report – None**

**5. Correspondance**

- (a) Email dated March 14, 2009, from Brian Baetz, inviting Community Council members to attend the public meeting of the Steering Committee for Dundas Ontario-in Transition, where “Transition Town” Ideas contest winners will be announced on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Dundas Town Hall auditorium.

**6. Discussion Items:**

**a) Dundas Post Office**

Councillor Powers reported that he met with David Sweet, who has advised the Councillor that the federal government will initiate the sale of the Dundas Post Office building through their normal process later this year or early next year.

The Councillor noted that a group has initiated the process of looking at historical sites within Dundas, for the purpose of establishing formal recognition of their heritage within the community, and the Post Office is on the list for consideration.

**b) Dundas Construction and Proposals Update**

- 171/2 Park Street East – demolition permits have been issued and the construction will be proceeding.
- 201 King E. (self storage facility) – rejection of the application by the Planning Committee was confirmed by Council. As of today, no appeal has been made to the OMB.
- 234 York Road – Application pending
- York and Valley Roads (Pleasantview) – Went to Planning Committee and Council – passed a three-part resolution: confirmed the City's rejection of development; reaffirmed the April 2007 recommendation to add the Pleasantview area into the Niagara Escarpment Plan; and proposed that the City work with the Provincial Ministries to review jurisdictions and clarify how to make re-building and additions to existing properties more efficient.
- 397 King West (District) – Things are on-going and issues are being resolved. Valvasoris are prepared to put on covenant the preservation of the school's façade.
- St. Joseph's Estates – has made application for 2 towers on the property and is being considered by staff.
- 133 – 135 King St. West (RONA) – The new owners of the building have made no overtures to the City to-date.
- Carnegie Gallery has made application to the City for renovations to provide a new entrance at the south end of the building, closing in the elevator with a glass foyer public entrance, leaving the bay window intact. Next year (2010) is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Carnegie Gallery and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building.

**c) Municipal Service Centres**

Municipal Service Centres will continue to exist, and staff are looking at options for new service deliveries, such as the pilot project with Service Canada on Tuesdays.

Phyllis Kraemer asked about the possibility of having liquor licences in the auditorium to allow for it's use on weekends for weddings, showers, etc. Clr. Powers advised that this policy is being reviewed.

**Moved by Bob James, seconded by Jeff Saunders:**

*That the Dundas Community Council recommends that the City at least maintain the hours of operation and expand the opportunities for usage and revenue at the Dundas Municipal Service Centre.*

Carried.

d) Dundas Transportation Study

Staff are compiling the comments from the very well attended open house and will return for an additional public meeting in the future.

The round-a-bout on Governor's Road will not go forward until after the Dundas Transportation Study is completed.

e) Defibrillators

A defibrillator have been installed in the Dundas Municipal Centre and staff have now been trained on the equipment.

Bill Kennedy noted that St. Elizabeth's Healthcare have now set up a treatment site at St. Joseph's Villa for walk-in wound care.

## 7. Community Reports from Members

**(a) Arts and Culture – Patti Cannon**

- No report – absent.

**(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer**

- The BIA has a tentative date for the opening of the Dundas Farmer's Market: the 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of June. They have been working with the City and a Vendors group to determine criteria, policies, etc. for the Dundas Market. A Market Board will be comprised of 7 representatives: 2 BIA, 2 Vendors, 2 Citizens and 1 City representative
- It will operate on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 7 pm

- Buskerfest and Cactus Festival both received awards as one of the top 100 festivals.

Larry Button enquired about the proposed restaurant on Sydenham. Clr. Powers reported that it is going to Committee with a recommendation to leave the zoning as residential and give a permitted use for the restaurant.

Phyllis advised that a new restaurant is now open at Governor's and Creighton Roads called Montfort's Mediterranean Cuisine.

**(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy**

- Spencer Creek is not monitored by either the City or Conservation due to staff and dollar challenges. It is dealt with on a complaint basis.
- Spring Clean-up will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Larry suggested that it would be helpful if there was a spot where individuals who do clean-ups, other than the official clean-up day, could dump the garbage bags.
- Bill noted that there is a lot of litter on the east side of Main St., along the creek. Bill asked about making this area into a City park. Clr. Powers explained that there was never any intention to maintain it as anything other than floodplain. The owners of the building put in the lights, in spite of the fact that the Town didn't want them because of liability. The lights are not operated so as not to encourage access to the back of the condos that are east of the property. If the community wishes to adopt the area, Russ will investigate the possibilities for assistance.
- Central Park School property has now been sold and is being cleaned up.
- Dundas Driving Park has areas that are under water. Clr. Powers reported that the City anticipated that this would happen, but waited to see where the problems were and now plans to do some additional grading and add a catch basin to divert the water off of the property.
- Dundas Valley Treekeepers will be organizing a contest (Heritage Tree Hunt) in May/June to find heritage trees in Dundas. More as he learns more.
- City staff have completed checking on egg masses for Gypsy Moths and there will be no spraying this year.

**(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak**

- Report attached

**(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp**

- Spring sports registration has taken place
- Skating Rink trees should be reassessed – may be a little too close to the ball diamond.
- Rink is well used and very popular
- Super Saturday for the minor hockey players is this coming week.

Clr. Powers reported that the skating rink area will be well programmed this summer. City staff have had overtures for use of the bandshell, beyond the use by the concert band. The pavilion by the rink is nearly completely booked for the coming year. There will be fireworks in the park this year – in the ball diamonds and football field by Parkside school. The green canopy in the Park is causing challenges to continuing fireworks in this location.

**(f) Others – None**

7. **Other Issues/Questions – None**

8. **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

9. **Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.** moved by Jeff Saunders and seconded by Fiorigio Minelli

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Russ Powers  
Councillor**