

Wednesday, May 20th, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall

The Dundas Community Council met.

There were Present: Russ Powers, Councillor
Maria Antonakos
Larry Button
Bill Kennedy, Environment
Phyllis Kraemer, Business
Stan Nowak, Heritage
Jeff Saunders

Regrets: Bob James
Fiorigio Minelli
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation

Also Present: Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News
Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor's Office
Al Will, Dundas Living Centre

1. Remarks from the MP, MPP, School Trustees - None

2. Previous Meeting Report

The report from the March 18th, 2009 meeting was received as distributed and it was moved by Phyllis Kraemer seconded by Larry Button to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions

- Dundas Living Centre – Al Will, Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint on building a home in Dundas. Dundas will be a model for new non profit sustainable housing for vulnerable adults.
- Focusing on 20 – 50 years of age, intellectually challenged individuals from the surrounding communities
- Located on Baldwin Street at the Civitan project. The demand exceeds capacity – no need to market.
- Aging parents need to find somewhere to house their adult children. Group homes too expensive and the average cost is \$83,000, plus ODSP at \$10,000. This model (11 clusters of 3-4 suites) will be approx. \$49,000/year all inclusive. A living centre for 26 – 36 adults.

- Monday through Friday the residents are out in the community – volunteering, participating at the Civitan Centre, etc.
- The group have explored many opportunities and potential partnerships and have finalized a location in the front yard of St. Mark's United Church – 1 Lynndale Drive.
- Public Consultation has taken place: door-to-door delivery of invites to 327 residents in the neighbourhood. The turnout necessitated 2 meetings: the neighbourhood is ready to welcome this project and these people. 130+ people attended.
- Concerns about increased traffic on Governor's Road: this population does not drive.
- Hamilton Housing has been very helpful.
- Total project will cost \$6.5 million – new funding available (DOOR funding from the Province through Hamilton Housing)
- Stimulus funding – hope to be eligible for \$70,000/unit could generate \$2.5 million for the project.
- Sharing parking with the Church
- 3 or four livingrooms on each floor will look onto Governor's Road.
- Traffic movement onto Governor's Road, from this project, will be right turn only.
- 36 bedrooms, 11 suitea, 30,000 sq. ft.
- Excavating the basement with separate entrance (emergency exit for the centre) will be used as storage for the Church.
- Top floor has bedrooms, living rooms, exercise, recreation and games room with a staff vestibule and the building will have an elevator and sprinklers so they can have open stairwells.
- 2 types of bedroom: barrier free and non-barrier free
- Have started the process to rezone the property from Institutional 1 to Institutional 2, but an OP is not required.
- Debentures from families and friends will help raise money, along with grants – which they are applying for – and fundraising
- Request: looking for support for re-zoning and severance; DOOR funding application support; Stimulus funding support, Waiving of development charges, etc.
- People are encouraged to drop in anytime at the learning centre: 15 Baldwin St. (behind McDonalds: call Ann Pearson to be sure there will be activities for you to see).

Questions:

- Phyllis questioned the colour (darkness) of the outside in the design provided
- Larry asked about establishing a separate non-profit corporation. Al responded that they are setting up a separate corporation and Larry suggested the name of someone who could help with setting that up. He provided the contact info to Al.

- Bill Kennedy asked about the exit onto Governors. Al responded that it will be one way in from Creighton and one way out right turn only onto Governors
- Stan asked about landscaping. Al talked about the fact that they are not at that stage yet, but will be considering security, etc. when they make plans
- Maria asked if Dundas Living is a private organization. No, it is non-profit and it will be a new organization, designed for housing 36 people. She also asked about the selection process. Al responded that at the moment it will be primarily the intellectually challenged people who are working at the Civitan Centre – no behavioural issues. Is it a charity? No not yet – application has been made and Civitan is accepting donations and flowing through.
- Carl asked about the age group. What happens to the 50 year old resident. Al responded that the population will age and the group will age with it. The 30 – 50 year old is the present entry age.

Councillor Powers thanked Al for his presentation and offered his support and welcomed the opportunity to have him come and make the presentation. He noted that the Community Council meeting is not part of the official planning process, but that the members are representative of the broader community.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report:

Proposed and on-going projects in Dundas:

- 17-1/2 Park Street East (Chicken Coops)
 - houses are gone and site is currently under construction by the Valvasori Brothers
- 201 King St. East: Econ Dev and Planning Committee unanimously turned down the proposal by D. Hammond and it has been appealed to the OMB – no timelines yet. The proponent and City have agreed to the mediation process.
- 234 York Road – between Watson's Lane and Forestview
 - No application to-date
 - Proponent had a public meeting
- York and Valley Road
 - Committee and Council rejected and adopted Clr. Powers motion that there is no interest in development in that area
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Natural Resources are considering whether they are interested in hearing the application
- 397 King St. W – District High School
 - School Board has accepted the offer and are sorting out floodplain/flood fringe and CN Rail issues to finalize the deal
 - The building proposes to preserve the integral parts of the old school, including the front façade.
- St. Joseph's Estates

- Application has been made for the 2 new structures: a third building in the back and a 9 storey commercial/residential building at the corner of Ogilvie and Governor's.
 - No date has been set for the Public Meeting under The Planning Act.
- 133 – 135 King Street West – former Rona Site
 - A proposal has been submitted
 - Combination of retail and professional offices in a two storey building
 - No formal application has been submitted
- Carnegie Gallery
 - Application has been made and the heritage review was approved
- 24 Brock St. North
 - Application has been made for a 7 storey apartment building
 - Application has been rescinded and will reapply at sometime in the future
 - Have had a request from neighbours to come to the June meeting
 - Site is currently zoned for a 3 storey structure. The Official Plans of the former Region and Town of Dundas indicate that 6 stories are allowed. It was zoned “site-specific” when Fred Spencer zoned it to build the townhouses on Park Street.
- Dundas Post Office
 - Nothing new – Clr. Powers advised that he has been keeping in touch with David Sweets office and he is pressing Canada Post.

Larry Button remarked that Clr. Powers has a useful page on his Web Site about the local projects, but he has had a number of people who have asked about the problem of development projects in Dundas requiring re-zoning. One proposal may not make a major impact, however, when you have 8 or 9 projects, they could have a major impact on the character of the Town.

Discussion followed about the impact of the developments in the Ogilvie, Governors area: traffic and building shadowing.

5. Correspondance

- Patti Cannon's resignation from Dundas Community Council

6. Information/Discussion Items:

a) Dundas Transportation Study

- Staffing changes at the City and in the Consultant's offices have delayed the project
- September 21st meeting will provide recommendations to the Public Works and then to Council
- Clr. Powers will ensure that it goes to a public meeting before it goes to Committee and Council.

Governors Road round-a-bout will go to Committee May 21st and, if approved, construction will begin.

b) Membership on Dundas Community Council

Patti Canon has resigned due to work related obligations
Libby Toews will be replacing her as the representative for Arts and Culture

c) 2009 Road/Water Works in Dundas

- Dundas Public Works Yard will get a retrofit
- Dundas Tennis Club – court resurfacing
- Pleasant Valley East neighbourhood road resurfacings
- Penge Court – Resurfacing from Bertram to the South End of the Court
- York Road Sanitary Chamber Repair

d) 10-Year Roads/Water Works Master Plan

- Some of the road and water projects may be accelerated – e.g the Federal/Provincial Stimulus Funding for infrastructure may agree to accelerating projects to 2010: York Road from Newman to Valley; King Street from York Road to Bond Street; the Governor's Road Round-a-bout; ????

7. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Libby Toewes

- Carnegie has an artist's attic garage sale this weekend
- Shows at Dundas Valley School of Art and the Carnegie Gallery
- DVSA camps for the summer are filling up

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Envoke (in the East side of Collins) will be moving into the former Bucks and Bargoons. He'll have his photography studio upstairs and his business downstairs.
- Holly Dolly is moving in behind Ellen Berry
- De Tour Coffee has opened behind Ellenoire – open Thursday, Friday and Saturday – has a beautiful coffee grinder. Sells roasted coffee beans.

- David Williams Shoes has opened at the corner of Cross and King St. East.
- New hair salon now open between Canada Trust and Espresso
- Buskerfest is coming up June 5, 6, and 7. – The cancellation of the big band dance was a decision made by the Board of the BIA because the September Senior's Day/Wellness Week, co-organized by the Chamber of Commerce and BIA, seems like a better event to showcase this entertainment for the seniors for whom this band is the main attraction. The dance could start earlier and may be located on Ogilvie Street between Hatt and King. The people who sponsored a portion of the cost for this entertainment at Buskerfest were notified and the organizers are sorry that they were disappointed with the change.
- The proposed restaurant on Sydenham has had it's zoning approved and work is underway.
- Farmer's Market will open on June 18th and the Minister of Agriculture will be in attendance. The vendor list is growing.
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(b) **Environment – Bill Kennedy**

- West Corner of Sir William Osler School had a contractor in there today cleaning up. Councillor Powers explained that there is a water main easement between the school board property and the condominiums to the west of the school. The School Board was to be responsible for that property.
- Old Ancaster Road property is collecting dumping materials, including a fuel tank. Clr. Powers advised that his office will follow-up with staff and the MOE.
- Bill advised that during the Spring Clean-up, the area along Spencer Creek was cleaned up and seems to be staying that way. He feels that the City should go in and add some armourstone along the creek.
- Bill asked about the post at the entrance to the Dundas Driving Park was damaged during construction. Clr. Powers advised that the work is going to be done this year.
- Dundas Valley Tree Keepers are initiating a heritage tree count this summer. It will encompass Ancaster and Flamborough as well. They are asking anyone with a heritage tree to complete an application form

(d) **Heritage – Stan Nowak** - Report attached.

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

- No Report – Keith away.

(g) Others

- Stan announced that Giant's Rib will hold it's Summer Solstice in June - \$50.00
- Tim Woods has been named C.F. Pilot of the Year in Canada and will fly a specially named F-8 fighter plane which he will fly this year. Canadian Airforce site lists the crew and identifies him as a native of Dundas. The Canadian Legion Branch 36 web site has a "cockpit view" of Tim Woods making the final approach on the Cenetaph on Remembrance Day in 2006.

7. Other Issues/Questions:

- (a) Larry Button congratulated Russ and everyone involved in the refurbishing of the Dundas Driving Park
- (b) Russ advised that over \$10,000 was donated in his late wife's name for the skating rink. With that money, and the fundraising from the Rotary's annual golf tournament, the Club will provide the add-ons: rubber mats, speakers, benches, etc.
- (c) The Band is contemplating increasing the number of concerts this year
- (d) The concession booth will open this summer
- (e) Libby asked about Warren Park: the garbage is not being collected. Conservation Authority is telling people that they can't use it leash-free. When you leave Warren Park there is signage that you are leaving a leash-free area but no signage to warn people coming in to the park from Sanctuary Park to let them know that they are entering a leash-free area.
- (f) Stan asked if the bandshell will be re-signed to show that it was dedicated to Stan Rogers. Clr. Powers advised that it would be re-signed.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th, 2009 note the change of start time for this meeting only is 7:30 pm.

9. Adjournment moved by Larry Button and seconded by Stan Nowak at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**

Dundas Community Council - Heritage Report

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Dundas Town hall I

DUNDAS MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Made in Dundas

Saturday, May 23, 2009 11:00am - 3:00 pm



Victorian fun for the whole family! Talk with crafts people and town folk of yesteryear.

Enjoy a cup of tea. Play croquet. Visit with the farm animals. Don't miss the horse and wagon ride!
And it's ALL FREE!

Dundas Museum AGM

Wednesday, June 27, 2009, starting at 2:00 pm

Open to the public – all welcome!

Something Borrowed, Something Blue: Celebrating Wedding Traditions 2009

June 19 – August 31,



Set amid the beauty of wedding gowns of days' past, learn the history behind some of our time-honoured wedding traditions. Why do we give bridal showers? Why do we throw rice? How did the trousseau tea come about? Find out at the Dundas Museum & Archives!

www.dundasmuseum.ca

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DUNDAS VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2009 / 10 Speaker Series

Please refer to attached schedule.

www.DundasHistory.ca

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Respectfully Submitted,

Stan Nowak

Dundas Valley Historical Society

2009 – 2010 Speaker Series

The Dundas Valley Historical Society proudly announces our eighth Annual Speaker Series of historical presentations. All presentations will be held on the second Wednesday of the noted month this season.

September 9, 2009

WAR OF 1812: Life of the British Soldier

Tom Fournier, War of 1812 historian

October 14, 2009

The Warpath: The Ancaster Escarpment Edge as the Road to War

John Bryden, former MP, local trail historian

November 11, 2009

Hamilton at War: On the Home Front

Margaret Houghton, Archivist, Hamilton Public Library; Author, 'Hamilton at War'

January 13, 2010

WAR OF 1812: Role of Canadian Militia

James Hill, Director, Niagara Parks Commission

February 10, 2010

Canada's First Refugees - The Loyalists

Ruth Nicholson, President, U.E.L.A.C., Hamilton Branch

March 10, 2010

Dundas: a History of Transitions

Brain Baetz, Margaret Rees, McMaster University

April 14, 2010

WAR OF 1812: Role of Natives

Wolf Thomas, Hon. War Chief of the Turtle Clan

Unless otherwise noted, presentations will be at the Dundas Museum, 139 Park Street West, and commence at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$2.00. Please come early, as seating is limited.

Details will be available in the Dundas Star News and at

www.dundashistory.ca

Everyone is welcome - we look forward to seeing you!