

Wednesday, November 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
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation
Libby Toews

Regrets: David Sweet, M.P.
Jeff Saunders

Absent: Maria Antonakos

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

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

2. Previous Meeting Report

The report from the October 21st, 2009 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Keith Sharp, seconded by Libby Toews, to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions

Presentation by Sergio Manchi (I..B.I. Group) and Mike Valvosori on the proposed development at 395 King Street West -- the former Dundas District High School site.

They are working through some technical matters and improvements that involve required stormwater management, crash wall and access to the parking lot, as well as improvements to the historic building.

It was purchased from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and there were flood plain challenges that necessitated meeting with various departments and agencies to resolve. The developer will be implementing mitigating measures to address these issues.

The conversion of an institutional use to a residential use in close proximity to the railway line necessitated the implementation of crash measures to prepare for the

obscure possibility of a derailment to ensure that it would be contained and restricted. A crash wall will be required.

Traffic resulting from the proposed 44 units will be encouraged to enter the parking from King Street, west of the building and exit the parking area via Park Street. Not to say that the entrance from Park Street will be one way, but the outward flow will be encouraged.

The present fascade will be maintained and Councillor Powers has agreed to provide the developer with old postcards showing the windows. The building will include units in the range of approx. 850 to 2200 square feet.

Larry Button asked about visitor parking and was assured that the visitor parking requirement will be met. Sergio explained that the Condo document will be specific and will determine the parking and where it will be located. The developer will be working closely with the City Planning and Traffic departments to provide the optimal arrangement.

Libby Toews asked if any study has been completed with regard to traffic from King Street. Sergio said that the King Street entrance will be one-way into the parking for westbound traffic only – a single lane and 4 metre wide driveway.

Phyllis Kraemer mentioned that the H.C.A. will be removing the dam at Crook's Hollow, at which time there will be nothing holding back the water that eventually flows by the site. Sergio said that the hydrological engineer worked for many, many, months with H.C.A. and City staff to determine the optimal storm water management plan for this site. There will be conditions from the City and Conservation and the developer will have to adhere to them.

Bob James expressed concern that residents or visitors may choose to exit via the entrance, onto King, in spite of one-way signs, etc.. Libby Toews suggested that plantings might be placed to preclude sight lines and discourage any such unauthorized exit onto King Street.

Clr. Powers advised that the developer has not yet made an application beyond a preliminary pre-consultation meeting with City staff.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report:

1. Information requested at the previous meeting was provided to members.
2. Post Office update is that Clr. Powers has been advised that the property has been sold, conditionally, with a close date of December 10th. We do not know the purchaser or the intended use.

3. Proposed and on-going projects in Dundas

- 17-1/2 Park St. E. – Well underway. Brickwork is being completed
- Dundas District – Presentation to Dundas Community Council at this meeting

- 201 King St. East – O.M.B. Hearing is slated to start on January 11th, 2010. Over 60 people indicated their desire to be heard. The speaker list has been reduced into 15 key areas/speakers.
- 23 – 25 King E. – Goodtimes Hunting and Fishing Club – Demolition has started.
- York and Valley Road proposed development – Still vested with the two Provincial Ministries but Clr. Powers has been told that a decision is imminent.
- St. Joseph’s Estates – The Clr has been unable to negotiate a compromise between the parties and the issue will return to the Planning Committee at a regular meeting to be held before the middle of February 2010. St. Joseph’s Villa has no intention of abandoning the proposal or changing their original application for two buildings on the two sites. They are, however, doing some revisions to the design of the lower building and redesign and possible repositioning of the upper building.
- 133 – 135 King St. West – Shopper’s Drug Mart has made application and it is on-going
- 24 Brock Street N. – Application is still in place and proceeding
- 10 Bond Street N. – No application has been received, but have asked for pre-consultation
- 2555 Creekside Dr. – No application has been received. A pre-consultation meeting has taken place.
- Sydenham Restaurant – They are working on the interior and the hiccups have been resolved.
- Bangkok Deluxe Restaurant – Work is well underway. New signage and exterior treatments and the intention is to open on the 24th of November.

4. Correspondance

- None

5. Information/Discussion Items:

1. Dundas Downtown Transportation Study has been received by the Planning Committee and will go to Council next week. There will be a public Open House held at the Dundas Town Hall on December 15th.
2. Kraft Hockeyville is coming to Dundas. Between now and the middle of January, the approximately 78 entrants will be reduced to 12 competitors across the country. Hockey Night in Canada will run a story on those competitors and will narrow it down to 5. The winner receives \$100,000 for its arena, an NHL pre-season game will play in the arena. On Saturday, December 12th a series of events will be held all day. The web page will be the place for information.

6. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Libby Toews

- There was an Arts Advisory Committee conference this weekend and all Municipal Councillors were invited. Russ Powers was the only Councillor who attended.

- The Carnegie has a show: “Painters and Potters”
- Arts Dundas Week went very well and the Potters’ Guild sale was very successful.
- Christmas Show is coming up at the Carnegie will feature Dundas artists and guest artists.
- Dundas – A Portrait of Possibility: Nov 25th at 7:00 p.m. – 5 minute presentations by 7 individuals, followed by a mix and mingle session
- DVSA has a new show by Catherine Weir with work in Raku and a new film on Marion Farnum
- Design Hope will be back to the DVSA on Dec. 4th at 7:00 pm with an Auction and Raffle Event raising money for the “Out of the Cold” program. www.designhope.ca

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Today ends the 7 day filming of “The Good Witch’s Wedding”
- Kid’s Gear has opened in its new location by the Winchester Arms
- Cabin Fever has been sold and the new owners are going to be offering younger clothing
- Friday, November 27th is Dundas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- November 24th marks the opening of the Bangkok Deluxe Restaurant.
- There was a BIA meeting with John Archer who did a study on Dundas Downtown
- Farmer’s Market wrap-up meeting was held last Thursday and was well attended by 27 people who participated in a discussion of what worked, what didn’t and what improvements might be helpful for next year’s markets.
- Dicken’s of a Christmas starts the weekend of Saturday Nov 28. Father Christmas will be giving wagon rides, there will be 4 Breakfasts with Santa (each at a different downtown restaurant); and Cider and cookies will be served.
- The St. James house tour takes place on Saturday, Dec. 5

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy –

- Dundas Valley Treekeepers had a successful tree contest (133 nominations) and had an awards night.

(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak - Report Attached

- Museum is having a great exhibit until Jan 10, 2010 – World War I and II
- 2010 Heritage Calendar is going fast
- Christmas Memories Dinner will be held at the Dundas Town Hall on Nov 28th. For tickets: 627-7412
- Speaker series is done for 2009 and will start up again in 2010

(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp

- Blues and McCoys are off to a good start of the season
- Clr Powers noted that the Dundas Driving Park received an award for the best example of healthy communities and that -- weather permitting -- the

compressors will be started on the 30th of November so outdoor skating can start on Dec. 5

7. Other Issues/Questions:

- Recycle boxes are available at the Municipal Service Centre, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Damaged Green Bins are available on Saturdays. Replacements must be damaged and only one can be provided
- Tuesday, November 24th, between 6 and 8 pm, Open House at the Dundas Fire Hall

10. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th, 2010.

- 11. Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.** moved by Keith Sharp and seconded by Larry Button

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**