

Wednesday, April 21st, 2010
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
Stan Nowak, Heritage
Jeff Saunders
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation
Libby Toewes, Art & Culture

Regrets: Fiorigio Minelli

Absent:

Also Present:
Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News
Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor's Office
Doug Gordon, Dundas Resident
John Wilder, Dundas Resident
Carl Collins, Dundas Resident

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

2. Previous Meeting Report

The report from the March 24th, 2010 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Keith Sharp seconded by Bill Kennedy to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions

- Presentation by Sergio Mancina, IBI Group, on behalf of Len and Heather Mederios with regard to the plans for the former Dundas Post Office.
- They will be going to the May Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting. A Concept plan, a site plan, elevation plans, a list of proposed uses and a group of photos were distributed to members, as information

- All floors are being considered as useful space – an interior decorator has been engaged to help with design of the space.
- Stan asked for clarification on the layout presented. Sergio advised that it is generic or optimal use, which must be incorporated within the Zoning By-law.
- Proposing 5 parking spaces on the east side; a loading zone; possible patio on the west side (seasonal) in case there is a use which might require such a facility. Current north side planters will stay.
- The municipality has requested removal of the parking on the west side because of space and esthetics, given the municipal parking on the south side. Phyllis questioned the removal of parking spaces, given the requirement for parking spaces or money in lieu. Clr. Powers suggested that note be made of the issue to be addressed by the proponent at the appropriate time.
- Jeff Saunders noted that he would not want to be sitting on the patio and eating if parking is in close proximity.
- The heritage component is an important aspect of the project and they would like to continue co-operating with City staff and work to deal with it in a positive manner. Clr Powers noted that the recognized heritage aspects of the building: The clock tower, the portico, the window openings (not the windows, themselves) are certain aspects that should be maintained, not the entire building.
- Sergio noted that given the age of the building, it will be a constant challenge to compliment the downtown and enhance the building, and the proponents are planning to respect the old building, the downtown and the ability to enhance – so hope to reach a balance.
- Bob James asked if they are going to designate . Clr. Powers advised that the City is looking at some designations, but that the owners will be involved.
- The integrity of the building will not be undermined.
- The intention is to have the clock repaired and operating.
- The public meeting under the Planning Act will be held on the 18th of May.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report:

1. Proposed and on-going projects in Dundas

- Newcombe and Davidson construction on-going
- Marimat Homes construction continues – All houses are constructed, but not all occupied. The City has instructed them to grade and sod the parkette. The playground equipment is not slated to be completed until 2013.
- Pleasant Valley School site is coming along – Single Family Dwellings and link housing.
- 25 King St. E – good times fishing club – waiting for their approvals
- SJ Estates, denied at Committee and denied unanimously at Council. SJV has filed with the OMB. Larry asked for a contact at the City re 120/180 day appeal. Clr. Powers suggested the Legal Dept – Mike Kovasevic

- 133 – 153 – SDM – site plan conditionally approved. Committee of Adjustment applications are in for various minor variances to the Zoning By-law in case they are required. Bob James asked what has changed from when they were at Dundas Community Council. Clr. Powers explained that 2 plans have been considered. The final plan has the building along the King and Albert Street sidewalks with parking to the west and north of the building. Construction is expected to begin in June. Bill asked where the loading will be. Clr. Powers explained that the loading zone will be a sloped ramp on the northwest side. Two major deliveries per week.
- 24 Brock Street – nothing new
- 10 Bond St. – preconsultation, but nothing new.
- 2555 Creekside Drive. Larry thanked Russ for attending the meeting between the residents and the City Planning Staff . They have discussed the situation with professionals and the next step is to discuss things with the developer. Larry has told the developer that he is the single point of contact for the residents.
- Post Office – see presentation
- Lyndale -- Civitan Living Centre – looking for funding partners
- 231 York Road – submission has been received for 18 townhouse units for preconsultation
- Delsey Street – 15 unit development is underway
- 16 King Street East – Dairy Queen – application has been made for a 7 storey condo/commercial building, to include an eat-in Dairy Queen on the ground floor.
- 17 ½ Park St. – all 5 units have been sold
- 397 King St. W., District – Russ!!!

5. Correspondance - None

6. Information/Discussion Items:

- Clr. Powers reminded people that the Hockeyville game will be played on September 28th between the Buffalo Sabers and the Ottawa Senators. Hockeyville staff have approved the arena and they will require only minor upgrades.

7. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Libby Toewes – Report attached

- Bob James reminded that the Lynden Review is on
- Clr. Powers noted that the DVSA Auction was standing room only – a great success
- Stan Nowak advised that the Dundas Little Theatre production: The Constant Wife will be playing April 30, May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 with a Matinee on May 9th

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Quatre Foil is opening and their website has their menu on-line, using local products – fine dining in Dundas
- It is expected that an Indian food restaurant will be moving into the former Hawg's Back Saloon
- A middle eastern (take-out) food business is moving into the space on MacMurray St. where Willow hair salon was.
- Picone's 95th anniversary was a great success on Saturday
- Neil at the Bangkok Spoon is trying to get approval for a patio in the side yard
- Work is being done on the former location of the Village Bakery. The BIA has offered to work with the building owner to perhaps have artwork on the front of the building, so it resembles a store that is open. Stan asked about the possibility of the bakery finding space. Phyllis noted that Susan is trying to find a location.
- A new coffee shop is open on Miller's Lane. Kyr's Hines is a renowned championship bicycle mechanic, so the décor reflects his interest: Domestique
- Detour is moving into the location where Elinoire has been operating.
- Body and Soul is moving into their building on King Street.
- New hairdressing salon is open (girls from the former Marquessa Salon)
- A new ambulatory store has opened across the street from the Legion
- Buskerfest is coming up the first weekend in June.
- Dundas Farmer's Market starts again on June 17th. 90% of the vendors are returning. The vendors must grow their own product. There a maximum of 21 spots at the market.

(c) **Environment – Bill Kennedy**

- Spring Clean-up was last Saturday
- The Hamilton Wentworth Stewartship Council, the public came out to help with the Spring Clean-up, which was supported by Tim Horton's (*in Dundas*) as the Councillor's Tim Horton's Clean-up Event.
- Helen Street (Willet Hill) was cleaned up on Saturday by the Helen Street neighbourhood
- Clr. Powers advised that a group of Dundas Girl Guides cleaned up the rail trail and rear of the University Plaza/Metro store on Saturday, at Clr. Powers' request.
- Two gentlemen did some cleaning up at Ogilvie and Governor's Road
- Three young men cleaned up the creek bank at the Governor's Road Metro store
- Thanks to all
- The creek on Mill Street (between Peel and Wellington Streets) has been finished – it looks great
- This summer, \$3 million will be spent resurfacing roads in Dundas: All of Pleasant Valley; King Street – resurfacing and sidewalk work from York to Market: \$2.1million project; Cross and Park Street will be done this year
- King Street sewers have been relined, recently
- Clr Powers advised that the watermain under the Thorpe Street bridge broke and the bridge spanning has shifted and the road has dropped 10". The road is closed to traffic. A laneway that comes from Spencer Village has been opened to link

Meadow Lane, temporarily. They are looking at dropping in a Bailey Bridge on top of the stable supports, to allow the traffic to continue to pass. Both the Thorpe and Main Street bridges were slated for work at a future date, but this will move construction up for the Thorpe St. bridge.

(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak - Report attached.

(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp

- McCoys are playing their first game in the Allen Cup which wraps up this weekend
- Stan noted that the final game will be shown on TSN2
- Summer sport groups are getting ready for opening day
- Clr. Powers noted that the Dundas Youth Soccer Newsletter is out. He has been working with them to be able to accommodate increasing enrolments
- Bob James noted that the Dundas Tennis Club is resurfacing the courts. Clr. Powers was able to get funding for the resurfacing. The property is owned by the City and leased to the Tennis Club. Major investments are made by the City.

(f) Others

- Doug Gordon asked for clarification on the location of the new proposed development at 231 York Road.
- Carl mentioned the cross walk from Lynden
- Tammy Lantz asked about York and Valley Rd – Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Natural Resources ruled that it will stay in Parkway Belt West area but applications will be made to the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Any chance of major development is not going to happen in that area.
- Clr. Powers reported that Krysta Boyer has done her proposal with regard to graffiti in Dundas. It is available through the Councillor's office as an electronic file, if anyone wants a copy.
- Clr. Powers announced that the Parkside Boys Senior Basketball team won the AA-OFSSA championships and they will be at the April meeting where we will honour them.

7. Other Issues/Questions:

- Bill Kennedy asked about Warren Park – the former Town's investment. Clr. Powers advised that the conflicting sides appeared before the Public Works Committee with regard to the leash-free issue. Clr. Powers put forward a motion that staff consider the information presented and return with a report by August, including consideration of alternative locations.
- He noted that leash-free is not allowed during the summer months and the Recreation Dept is planning programming within the Park, this summer.

- Doug Gordon asked about plans to rebuild York Road: Clr. Powers advised that it was going to be completed in 2010 if the Province contributed, but is now planned for 2015.
- Carl Collins asked about the minimum width of secondary streets: 1 m or 1.5 m
- Carl also mentioned that a busker crawl will take place along James Street North in Hamilton this coming Friday
- Clr. Powers advised that the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club has partnered with the City to continue to provide Victoria Day Fireworks in Dundas. No personal fireworks will be allowed, but Routes will be selling glow sticks in the park.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th, 2010.

- 9. Adjournment** at 8:45 moved by Jeff Saunders and seconded by Stan Nowak

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**