

Wednesday, January 20th, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall

The Dundas Community Council met.

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

Regrets: Bob James

Absent: Maria Antonakos

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

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

2. Previous Meeting Report

The report from the November 18th, 2009 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Jeff Saunders seconded by Larry Button to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions

- Krysta Boyer, Co-ordinator, Dundas Community Policing Centre, made a presentation on the Dundas Graffiti Initiative proposal that she has been requested to provide to the Police Services Board for consideration.
- The main objective of the project is to move graffiti from a reactive to a proactive stance.
- 3 major methods: removal of existing graffiti by (1) establishing a clean-up crew of students, police volunteers and community volunteers to participate in clean-up days; (2) plan urban art murals in Dundas, in cooperation with building owners, to provide a positive place to display tasteful graffiti-art. As part of this they plan to

hold a forum for urban artists and pro-urban art community members and a subsequent forum/meeting for the community, police, business owners, social service agencies, educators, etc. The artists will be selected through a contest; (3) Work with the Hamilton Police, schools and the community to promote on-going education to prevent future graffiti in Dundas.

- This is still in the proposal phase. To initiate the program, they will need approval.

Discussion:

- Keith Sharp requested clarification that the artwork would be vetted for tastefulness and was assured that it would be.
- Clr. Powers asked if the artwork would be painted directly on the wall or on a panel that is mounted on the wall. Krysta said that would be worked out with the individual property owner.
- Fiorigio Minelli asked how they intend to convert the hate graffiti “artists” (vandals) to artists. Krysta clarified that the hate vandals are not the artists who would create the larger style piece.
- Libby Toewes offered to connect Krysta with several “graffiti” artists in the Dundas area.
- Larry asked if she has connected with other municipalities or groups who have done this. Krysta confirmed that she has been in touch with several other groups and organizations who have been involved with this type of project.
- Stan noted that an acquaintance of his was involved in such a project that was very successful.
- Russ noted that, in Amsterdam, the buses have a back panel of “mobile graffiti art” which changes monthly. Each month artists are drawn from a list to create the art for the following month.

Moved by Keith Sharp and seconded by Jeff Saunders that the Dundas Community Council supports the principles as outlined in the in the Dundas Community Urban Art Proposal. Carried.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report:

1. Proposed and on-going projects in Dundas

- Post Office – The Clr advised that, if everything goes as planned, the proponents will be at the February Community Council meeting.
 - An application has been submitted to change the zoning from PPS (Public and Private Service) to CAC (Central Area Commercial)
 - The structure will remain and the proponents are willing to consider a heritage designation for the significant heritage components in the building.
 - An engineer and interior designer have been engaged and they hope to utilize 3 floors of the building.

- 17-1/2 Park St. E. – Well underway: bricked and roofed
- Dundas District -- Working inside and have not made formal application yet.
- 201 King St. East – This is the second week of the OMB hearings. 20 days are scheduled for the OMB. The professional presentations are winding up. Next week the public submissions will be heard.
- York and Valley Road – The Ministry has determined that the area remains under the control of the Parkway Belt West, but the Niagara Escarpment Commission will continue to have a say in any new development proposed in the area.
- 50 Governor's Road (St. Joseph's Estates) – The proponent has provided a revised proposal to be considered at an ED & P Committee meeting (probably in early March).
- 133 – 153 King St. West (Shopper's Drug Mart) – A revised proposal has been submitted to the City.
- 24 Brock St. N. – The existing application is still in place, but the proponent will be submitting a revised version of the plans.
- 10 Bond St. N – No application has been made.
- 2555 Creekside Drive – The applicant has applied for permission to erect a residential 9 story, 90 unit, building.
- Sydenham Restaurant – working on the interior
- Bangkok Restaurant – opened on schedule
- Delsey Street – Construction has begun on the 15 unit subdivision
- Good Times Fishing and Hunting Club – 23/25 King St. E. – has been demolished and waiting for final approvals to begin construction.
- Former Sure Copy has been repaired and is waiting for tenancy.

Discussion ensued about intensification within Dundas and it's impact on transportation policies within Dundas, with regard to future proposals for major increases in population.

5. Correspondance - None

6. Information/Discussion Items:

- Dundas Downtown Transportation Study – the 60 day public commenting period ends on February 1st, 2010
- Hamilton Health Sciences Restructuring – Nothing new on the restructuring. A community consultation group has been struck with regard to the Urgent Care facility. Mr. Martin has agreed to keep Council apprised.
- 2010 Meeting Schedule – The March meeting will be moved from March Break week to March 24th, 2010. The May meeting may need to be changed due to a possible scheduling conflict for the Councillor. The shifting of the Ontario municipal election date, to the 25th of October, necessitates that the final meeting of this Community Council will take place in September, in keeping with The Municipal Act requirements.

7. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Libby Toewes

- Carnegie had a very successful show
- Concert series has sold 2 shows on Sat. Jan. 23rd.
- Clearly Classics series is underway.
- Colleen O'Reilly-Chambers has been commissioned by the Federal Government to create 5 ceramic totems for Embassies throughout the world.
- DVSA has a full-time student show at the moment and in February they will start showing the works for the Art Auction.
- Hamilton Academy of the Performing Arts has planned a fundraiser for the school on February 13th
- Clr. Powers announced that the City has entered into a lease arrangement with the Dundas Little Theatre for the building, using the model established for the Carnegie Gallery. The next show opens Friday night.

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Dorlan Gallery will be closing and moving back to their gallery in Milton.
- Stone building next to the proposed Shopper's Drug Mart is a new spa called:
- Another day spa near
- Bangkok Restaurant is open
- J & K Mattress store is on King Street East.
- Kathy from Cabin Fever has sold the business and name has changed to Rebellion One.
- The Envoke coffee shop is now underway.
- Java Fair is now Domestique (sp?)
- Village Bakery was ruined by a terrible fire, but everyone got out safely. The businesses on either side are closed and will re-open in 8 to 10 weeks. The Village Bakery building is being tested for structural integrity. Hopefully the building and the bakery can be restored in a timely fashion. The tenants are fine. They have places to live and the Salvation Army provided beds. The community has been incredible in their generosity and assistance.
- Stan noted that Phyllis and Jamie (from The Collins) have done a remarkable job of fundraising for all concerned and replacement of things for the tenants.
- The insurance does not cover the salaries of the 11 women who worked in the bakery.
- The tenants have been top-of-mind and the bank account was set up "in trust" and is meant to help with costs that are not covered by insurance.
- Three fundraisers are in place: This Saturday at Knox Church 6 to 9 – tickets at the door; Sunday afternoon at St. Pauls United Church fundraiser strictly for the tenants – Dundas Valley Orchestra will play from 3 – 4:30 – no tickets – donations at the door; Feb. 13th "From the Heart" fundraiser

will be held at the Community Centre – all day starting with breakfast and ending in the evening.

- A “Friends of the Village Bakery” facebook page has been set up.
- Valentine’s Day promotion will take place downtown on the weekend of the 13th.

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy

- Noted that sewer re-linings are taking place in town
- King Street is slated to be rebuilt no earlier than 2013
- Spencer Creek maintenance is a challenge, due to the mixture of stakeholders who are responsible, in various ways, for the on-going maintenance of the creek.
- Dundas Treekeepers are going to be involved in Ontario-wide heritage tree project

(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak - Report attached.

(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp

- Hockeyville:
 - Seem to be over 500, but many may not have met the criteria
 - Dundas in total number of stories and images is fifth in line
 - Must display community spirit, passion for hockey and originality
 - March 15th the group will be narrowed down to 12: two each from 4 regions and one wildcard
 - Once down to 12: Between the 15 to 27th of March voting will ensue, which will narrow it down to 5
 - Between March 27th and 31st voting ensues again to win
 - 5 finalists receive \$25,000.00
 - Winner will be announced on April 3rd.
 - Winner gets \$100,000 for their arena
 - A Hockeyville Skating event, in the Driving Park on the afternoon of Sunday, January 17th, was a big success

(f) Others

- Clr. Powers invited everyone to a winter carnival, to be hosted by the Dundas Rotary Sunrise Club: “An Afternoon for Linda” on February 6th, 2010, which is the anniversary of Councillor Powers’ late wife’s passing. Proceeds will be given to the Juravinski Cancer Clinic’s client/visitor services.
- Larry Button noted that Parkside Reunion’s website is up and running. An additional event has been organized on Thursday, 27th of May when past Parkside grads who have noteworthy achievements will be speaking. The web site is available at: www.parkside50.ca. The registration segment of the site is expected to be active in February.

- The Councillor noted that on April 5th, 2010 the one container limit will be instituted for waste collection, City-wide, with exceptions for 3 containers following New Year's Day, Victoria Day and Thanksgiving.
- Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition, noted that their website is up and running and information on events will be posted there. The site is available at: www.dundasintransition.ca

7. Other Issues/Questions:

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010.

- 9. Adjournment** at 8:46 p.m. moved by Keith Sharp and seconded by Phyllis Kraemer

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**