

Wednesday, March 24th, 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:

Also Present: Jessica Brennan, Dundas School Board Trustee
and Chair of the Hamilton Wentworth District
School Board
Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News
Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor's Office
Doug Gordon, Dundas Resident
Carl Collins, Dundas Resident
Tammy Lantz, Dundas Resident

1. Remarks from the MP, MPP, School Trustees

- Jessica Brennan, Dundas Public School Board Trustee and Chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, informed those present about the Board's Accommodation Review Committee process as it is expected to be realized across the board and in Dundas. She will return at a later time to provide further details as they develop.
- The Terms of Reference were distributed by Jessica.
- Looking at 15 of 18 high schools: programming services facilities space transportation. 3 groups: Dundas belongs to Arc West (Parkside, Highland, Ancaster and Westdale). Looking where they are best serving the students to determine equity in access to all programmes to provide the best quality education in the secondary panel for the students.
- Passed at the recent Board meeting.
- The Area Review Committee (ARC) will be looking at key criterias: transportation; full accessibility in the facilities; etc.
- The membership will be recommending to both the Board and the Director of Education
- Membership is extensive and a lot of time was spent on determining its composition. Chair is staff (non-voting) voting members will be teachers, parent reps and community leaders. Non-voting members will be trustees,

area superintendents of education, principals, teachers, non-teaching staff and area municipal councillors.

- Meetings are scheduled and there will be 4 public meetings where delegations can be heard.
- After the committee is finished the accommodation report will go to the Director of Education for public meetings with the Board.
- This begins in January 2011.

Questions:

- Larry: Will source documents be prepared (demographics, etc.) and posted on the web. Jessica thanked him for the comment and will follow-up.
- Fiorigio: Asked for clarification on the idea that there will be 3 different area. Will there be overlap. A: Jessica clarified that there may be, and that discussion would be appropriate. Initially, they looked at doing the whole program with one committee, but it was determined that, logistically, it was unmanageable.
- Jeff: Would the group be only dealing with their own area? Will the recommendations be integrated? A: Yes, primarily the schools in their area, but the goal is to find the best way to serve the entire Board's system.
- Phyllis: Is this one more step toward removing the former policies of the Wentworth Board. A: Jessica explained that the two boards amalgamated 12 years ago. The superintendent of Dundas is a member of the executive council that oversees all the schools.
- Larry: It may be useful to have the individuals on the committee named from areas where they will be familiar and have an understanding of the local area.
- Libby: Westmount; Waterdown; Saltfleet are exempt from this program because these schools are overcapacity.
- Russ: What is the current enrolment at Highland and Parkside vis a vis the number of classroom chairs? A: Jessica will get that information to Arlene.
- Russ commented that the current School Board has a very good relationship with City Council over the past few years, and they connect to keep City Council up to date. A: Jessica commented that Russ was integral in establishing the improvement in the relationship and in helping to resolve issues with District and the green space across the street from District. Russ advised that the protocol relative to school closures has been improved following the District model.
- Motion to receive the presentation Libby Toewes and Keith Sharp.

2. Previous Meeting Report

The report from the February 17th, 2010 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Keith seconded by Jeff to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions - None

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 – 19 units

- Pleasant Valley School site is coming along – Single Family Dwellings and link housing.
- 17 ½ Park St. – well on their way and all units have been sold and anticipating occupancy within 90 days
- 397 King St. W., District – ongoing, still sorting out issues with floodplain with the HCA, and CN Rail issues.
- 201 King St. E – OMB decision denied the application for appeal of Council's decision to deny.
- 25 King St. E. Good Times Fishing Club – waiting for approvals to begin construction – proposed 2 storey building of Commercial and residential units
- St. Jo's Estates – City Planning and Ec Dev denied the application and it goes to Council on March 31st.
- 133 – 153ing St. W. – Shopper's Drug Mart has applied for minor variances and the hearing is upcoming. Clr. Powers has been working with the neighbours and Shopper's Drug Mart staff to fine tune the site plan.
- 24 Brock St. – proponent has indicated that he is reviewing his options but nothing new has been received by the City.
- 10 Bond St N – nothing new. They have had preconsultation meeting, but no application has been received.
- 2555 Creekside – The spokespeople for the 5 buildings are meeting with City staff tomorrow and Clr. Powers will be in attendance if a previous meeting is finished in time.
- 104 King St. West (Post Office building) – The owners are planning to attend the April meeting with their consultant(s) and an overview of the plans.
- 1 Lynndale Avenue – Civitan Living Centre – have made application for re-zoning and made application to the City for Provincial/Federal funding
- 231 York Road – The proponent has requested the required preconsultation meeting with staff.
- Delsey Street – 15 unit subdivision construction continues.

5. Correspondance - None

6. Information/Discussion Items:

7. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Libby Toewes

- The foundation continues to await notification re federal funding
- Next month they have a show celebrating the anniversaries of the gallery and the building
- DVSA Auction is coming up – April 10th
- Clearly Classic concert on April 16th – a harpist and violinist
- Carnegie AGM is on April 16th
- Fundraising event with Michael Burgess on May 13, 2010 – proceeds to the Carnegie Gallery
- Hamilton Tourism Awards tomorrow evening – March 24th

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- No spots for the bakery, as of yet
- Quatrefoil is expecting to open soon
- Easter weekend – Chester the clown with face painting, etc. and live bunnies at Shopper's Drug Mart
- Neil from the Bangkok is planning a mini-Thai festival using the back part of his property with Thai dancing, sometime soon.
- Clean-up has started behind the former bakery.
- Three parking meters were stolen (last Sunday night) Keeping Room, Picone's and tried to take the one by Dundas Lock and Key.
- Knox Church had 54 pies at their St. Paddy's Lunch. Sue Preston and Elsie Picone and a young chef were the judges. They auctioned the winning pies and sold all the rest for \$10 each. The high bidder bought a pie for \$39.00.

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy

- Flooding in Dundas last week – particularly near Veldhuis – was deep.
- Spencer Creek at Mill Street – they are using river rock to create a road into the creek bed to work. The trees are out. Work was interrupted by the storm, but is underway again.
- Clr. Powers gave an update: The creek has been diverted and the trees moved from the creek. It is anticipated that the in-water work will be complete by the week of the 29th of March. Following that, the restoration of the bank will be done and then planting of trees and vegetation will be undertaken in May.
- The creek bank has disappeared behind ElMet Parts and the creek has moved. That land is owned by El Met Parts and it is up to them to rehabilitate, if it is to be done.
- Stan announced that the Spencer Creek clean-up will be happening on April 17th.
- Dundas Valley Tree Keepers The tree at 35 Cross Street is considered to be an "original" tree, in good health has been identified through the heritage tree hunt as well as a tree at 30 Osler Drive where there is a Big Tooth Aspen tree that is probably the largest one in Ontario. There are others in Dundas as well.

(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak - Report attached.**(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp**

- Dundas minor hockey had their wrap up on March 6
- Hockeyville is now in top 12 and that round of voting is completed.
- The next round will be announced on Saturday. If successful, voting will go until the 31st. The announcement will be made between the first and second periods of the second game (approximately midnight).
- Last year's winner had 2 million votes.
- McCoys are still up 3 to 1 and if win, will go to Thunder Bay to play Kenora.
- Ice surface is out of the Dundas Driving Park.

(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 – Clr. Powers noted that the Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Resources ruled that it will stay in Parkway Belt West area but development applications will be made to the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Any chance of major development happening in that area is slim.
- Tammy Lantz also asked about the Ogilvie and Governor’s Road traffic problem – lots of suggestions but nothing done. Clr. Powers advised that the area is being considered as part of the Downtown Dundas Transportation study, which is just being finalized. The deadline for public input was Feb 1 so staff will be coming forward with recommendations. Multi-millions of dollars will be required to complete the work, so a staging plan will have to be put in place – probably a 20 year project. Clr. Powers served a motion, this week for pedestrian crossings at Hatt and Creekside as well as Ogilvie and Creekside.
- Clr. Powers reported that Krysta Boyer has completed 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:**8. Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st, 2010.

9. Adjournment at 8:50 moved by Keith Sharp and seconded by Larry Button

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**