

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall**

**The Dundas Community Council met.**

**There were Present:** Russ Powers, Councillor  
Bob James  
Bill Kennedy, Environment  
Phyllis Kraemer, Business  
Jeff Gowland  
Stan Nowak, Heritage  
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation  
Bonnie Szaz  
Libby Toewes, Art & Culture  
Leslie Watson

**Regrets:** Jessica Brennan  
David Sweet, MP  
Ted McMeekin, MPP

**Absent:**

**Also Present:**

Mike Pearson, Dundas Star News  
Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor's Office  
Victoria Cooke, Student (Parkside High School)

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

**2. Previous Meeting Report**

The report from the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Keith Sharp seconded by Stan Nowak to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

**3 Presentations and Discussions -**

Councillor Powers announced that Police, Fire and EMS will be attending a Town Hall Meeting in the Dundas Town Hall on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Larry Button asked that any documentation or reports be requested as links so the public can access them ahead of the meeting.

Next meeting will be attended by Pat Parker, Waste Management to provide an overview and update on the future waste management plans for the City.

#### **4. Updates on Items from Previous Report**

- Updates on proposed and on-going Dundas projects
  - 23-25 King St. East (former Good Times Fishing Club) – No definitive date of completion is available, but the work is progressing. Comments commending the front façade were received from Committee members.
  - 104 King St. West (Post Office). Work is underway and occupancy is anticipated for the Christmas season. The owner is taking great pains to restore the building, using craftsman and matching materials. The slate roof is being maintained.
  - 2555 Creekside has been resubmitted. Larry reported that the Public Meeting under the Planning Act is anticipated to be held in November. A revised plan was submitted by the developer in the spring of this year which afforded the public the opportunity to submit letters of support or objection. Larry commended the City staff for their co-operation.
  - Creekside pedestrian-activated signals have been installed. Bonnie commented that there are seniors who cannot cross in the time allotted. Russ advised that staff are working to synchronize the lights to provide the maximum time allowable. Bonnie advised that the residents have received a letter to say that Creekside is now been assumed by the City. Russ advised that no By-law has come to Council and he will check on this.
  - Sisters of St. Joseph – application for Columbia College residence was approved. It will utilize the residential units that are no longer used for retired sisters. Young ladies (grades 4 to 6) are resident and are transported by bus – morning and end of school day to and from Columbia College.
  - 16 King St. E – Dairy Queen – Working on a new application for ground floor commercial and upper floor residential.
  - 397 King St. West – District School – work is proceeding toward 43 residential units.

#### **5. Correspondence - None**

#### **6. Discussion Items:**

- Urgent Care Centre: Fully operational now. Can we have McMaster back to discuss the operation in April 2012?
- Cross Melville Heritage District: Area bounded by Cross, Sydenham, Melville and Alma Streets in Dundas. Any changes to buildings within that area have had to have approval of the Committee. 11 Members – 7 citizen representatives (1 from each street, 1 from the Church, 1 from the Heritage Committee, and the local Councillor.) Meetings are called on an “as-needed”

basis. Recommendations go on to the Heritage Permitting Committee, then to the City's Heritage Committee then to the Planning Committee.

- Dundas Transit Pilot: A working group will be formed in the near future. People do not want to lose the bus service in the area; they want improved service, but don't know if they need to expand the service. One option is an "on-call" service which can be implemented without increased budgetary constraints. Bonnie inquired if there are plans to have a connecting bus from Dundas to the GO station at McMaster. Clr. Powers requested that she send an email and he will assure that it gets to the working group.
- Clr. Powers introduced Victoria Cooke, who is considering the position as the Youth member on the Community Council.

## **7. Community Reports from Members**

### **(a) Arts and Culture – Libby Toewes**

- Reported an exciting announcement for the Carnegie and the Museum – each received 1.225 Million dollars to assist with infrastructure costs for proposed expansions, to preserve the buildings for the future.
- The recent renovation is being finalized with new lighting, interior fire sprinklers which allow them to remove fire doors, etc., new space in the basement – kitchen and lecture theatre. Bert is moving back in and their access will be from the King Street door, which provides an income for the building. Hoping to have an opening in September.
- DVSA's renovation is almost complete and they are hoping to celebrate this fall.
- This is a four-way partnership: The Dundas Arts Foundation, the City, Province and Federal Government. The group must fundraise \$2.225 to match the contributions from the upper levels of government.
- Upcoming events:
  - It murder at the Town Hall fundraiser on October 12, 2011
  - Openings Terry Osborne and Marla Panko in October
  - The Dundas Studio Tour – October 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer**

- BIA expanded with David William Shoes and Domestique joining
- Bark & Fitz has closed
- Sweetness Bakery is working to get permits to go into the former Shopper's Drug Mart location
- Soulpath – Spa has opened next to the Winchester Arms
- Bruce Eccles is now back working part time
- Noelle and Susan are close to occupying the Post Office
- A gift basket store is opening in the former Fitz and Co location
- Myles Travel has moved into the former Valley Bakery location
- Bling on King is open for business

- Matsu Sushi sold his business to the owners of Master Pizza who are operating a new bar at that location called Side Line Bar
- Matsu Sushi is moving to King Street East – where Kool Klay Café was formerly located
- Beiter Monkey Chocolate is not officially open yet
- Adriana's Armerore is in the other side of Beiter Monkey Chocolate and is selling vintage clothing
- Starbucks is expected at the corner of Millers Lane and King and there will be a second store for rent.
- Taylor's Tearoom has expanded their menu, open for breakfast and dinner on both Thursday and Friday and the Braden and Sarah (Lorraine's son and his girlfriend) are accomplished chefs from Toronto, are now running the restaurant
- Detour staff (Elise Coppins-Smith won the Philadelphia Cream Cheese contest and won \$20 thousand and Jeff won the Barista contest.)
- Indian Restaurant will be open soon (in the Music Block)
- Buskerfest was good
- Cactus Festival was great
- Scarecrow Saturday is coming up
- The Market is great and will be open until the end of October.

(c) **Environment – Bill Kennedy**

- Paving has been undertaken by the City staff lately
- Sidewalk replacement work will begin soon
- The large oak tree across from District School is being nominated for the Ontario Roll of Honour by the Dundas Treekeepers
- The treekeepers also planted a tulip tree inside the fence in Fisher's Mill Park and the city has planted several others, this summer.

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

- Current show opens on September 27, 2011 – Curious Cures – Doctors, Durggists and Home Remedies at Dundas Museum and Archives.
- Application has been submitted for a re-zoning to allow the museum to expand it's offices and storage space.
- The 2011 – 2012 Speaker Series was circulated

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

- Fall sports are just beginning
- The Dundas Dragons Soccer team attempted to win the BMO contest which would have provided substantial funding for soccer fields in Dundas, and finished 4<sup>th</sup>
- The skate donations are going well – 100 skates are now available, but any type of sports equipment, including uniforms are welcomed. No cost is incurred to get skates.

- A natural skating rink will be operational in Sanctuary Park. Interest has been expressed in a like park in Little John Park. These parks are contingent on a neighbourhood group coming forward to manage the rink. \$30-\$50,000 are required to install a natural neighbourhood rink.

#### **8. Other Issues/Questions:**

- Larry noted a new facebook page – You knew you grew up in Dundas if
- Leslie advised that she and Barry are going to St. John's and Conception Bay South, Newfoundland for the 2011 Hockeyville. The game will played in St. John's because Conception Bay South (the winners) do not have an adequate facility for the NHL game. The Dundas Legacy project is on-going: Lights have been installed, the sign will be installed soon.
- Phyllis noted that the alleyway between the Cheese shop and Bling on King has 4 pieces of art from the DVSA and Montessori School students have been mounted.
- Victoria advised that Parkside School is going through the ARC program and spirit is very low. She asked for the possibility of suggestions from the Community Councillors about opportunities for student involvement in the community. Larry noted that Ken Robinson has championed the school spirit for years. Perhaps there is some staff person (who is not in transition like the students) who could spearhead a spirit drive.

#### **9. Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011<sup>th</sup>

- 9. Adjournment** at 9:00 p.m. moved by Phyllis Kraemer and seconded by Leslie Watson.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Russ Powers  
Councillor**