

Wednesday, April 18th, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall

The Dundas Community Council met.

There were Present: Russ Powers, Councillor
Larissa Fedak
Clare Crozier, Heritage
Bill Kennedy, Environment
Mary Matthews
Jim Watson, Business

Regrets: Kerry McNamara
Nancy Gray, Culture and Recreation
Jeff Saunders
Ted McMeekin, MPP

Also Present: Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor Powers' Office
Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News
Doug Gordon, Dundas Resident
Dr. Bob James, Dundas Resident

1. Remarks from the Mayor, M.P., M.P.P., School Trustees

None.

Councillor Powers reminded those present that next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th because of a change in Hamilton Council Meeting, and noted that the CAO and Board Chair of the Library will attend to present the proposed renovations to the Dundas Library.

2 Previous Meeting Report

The report from the March 21st, 2007 meeting was received as circulated.
Moved by Bill Kennedy, seconded by Mary Matthews to accept the minutes as reported.
Carried.

3. Updates on Business from Previous Report

(a) Property at 150 King St. East

Group struck under the leadership of Joanna Chapman to spearhead remediation of the site into a passive recreational area. Council made a \$300,000 commitment from the Dundas Park Dedication Fund to provide funding if the project goes ahead.

Bill Kennedy requested that we find out what will happen to the small square City bldg (aerate the canal) and, ideally, remove it at the same time if not needed.

(b) Hwy #6 and York Road

Road construction is completed, lights installed and waiting for the final inspection. Area is under the auspices of the MTO and they have indicated that, until the lights are inspected and the advanced green (which has been installed, but is as yet inoperable) are completed, the "local access signs" cannot be removed.

Speed humps will be installed this spring.

MTO has indicated that they anticipate that the cloverleaf will be functional by fall of 2008.

(c) Community Councils

Motion to appoint a taskforce was approved by City Council. Mandate to report back by mid-to-late September. Dundas Community Council will continue until June and then advertising will take place for a new Council to be stuck for September. If criteria changes, the mandate can be changed in the future.

(d) Dundas District Middle School

The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board has deemed the property as surplus and intends to dispose of it. City Council approved 2 motions: (1) Because there is a group interested in the school – that a 90 day extension be allowed; (2) The school property includes 3 separate parcels. City Council will ask the School Board to consider the City's wish to express an interest in the playfield parcel only.

Jim asked about the on-going litigation. The typed version of the will said that all land must be used for educational or recreational purposes, or revert back to family or heirs when it was transferred to the school board in 1928. The Board applied, in 1989, to have the covenant removed. Fishers are claiming that there was no attempt to contact them at the time and want the court decision to be set aside.

The City has indicated to the school Board that if the school is deemed to be available, they would be interested in the playfield and that the City is interested in seeing the façade retained.

(e) Sir William Osler (Dundas West) School

A layout and pictures were distributed. Latest update from Jessica Brennan is that it is on schedule for Sept 2007.

5. Information Items**(a) Victoria Day Fireworks (May 20th or 21st)**

Test firings were held on Tuesday, April 10th. Two years ago, there was a significant bill for damage to the tennis courts. Last year they used a low-level (unexciting) display and still had damage. This year, the fireworks will return to a high-level display and will be set off from the football field. The dates are Sunday, May 20th with a rain date of Monday, May 21st.

(b) Wentworth Lodge

Wentworth Lodge update from Lynda Secord. Dr. Bob James, the Medical Director of Wentworth Lodge was present at the Community Council Meeting, and responded to general questions from the committee and the floor.

Councillor Powers read a report from the Director, Lynda Secord:

“On March 28th, 40 residents moved out of the old building into the refurbished 1989 wing(Rose Court and Oak Lane). This completes all the resident moves and all our residents now are housed in comfortable accommodation that meets the current MOHLTC standards for LTC including private, ensuite washrooms and air-conditioning.

The old building will be turned over to the contractor April 9 to begin asbestos and hazardous substance removal and demolition. To minimize risk to the occupied areas, the initial demolition involves a "hand-separation" of the buildings to create a buffer space before the demolition machinery is brought in. Demolition is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

The former entrances to the old building have been sealed and the temporary Main Entrance is now off South Street. Since this is the Emergency and Fire Route and serves multiple functions for deliveries and waste pick-up, parking in this area is limited to a few handicapped parking spots and drop-off areas. All other parking for staff and visitors is at the bottom of the hill or on Lynden Avenue. Parking will remain a challenge until the construction is completed and the new entrance, driveways and parking lot have been built.

The New facility will house 150 residents.”

(c) Garstin Centre for the Arts (Dundas Little Theatre)

When Dundas amalgamated with Hamilton, the City Real Estate Dept did an inventory of all City holdings. Buildings that are considered redundant for municipal purposes are deemed to be surplus. The Garstin Centre has been deemed surplus and staff and Councillor Powers are working with the Dundas Little Theatre Management Group to come up with the best

arrangement to ensure that Dundas Little Theatre will exist at this location into the future.

- (d) 2007 Municipal Work in Dundas – Councillor Powers provided a handout of the various works planned for 2007.

6. Reports and Questions from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Provided by Nancy Gray

The Carnegie Gallery will celebrate a 35th Anniversary Show with Donn Zver, who is a significant force in Ontario for potters as a founding member of Ontario Potter's Guild. All are welcome to attend on May 15th at 7:30 pm.

Dundas Valley School of Art's 37th Annual Auction was held on Saturday, April 14th and was a great success.

(b) Business – no report

Memorial Square construction started this week and will include a 4 sided kiosk. Councillor Powers reported on the elements of the kiosk and parkette.

Buskerfest will take place June 2nd. Councillor Powers noted that Buskerfest was the recipient of Tourism Hamilton's "Best Festival" Award.

The Downtown Dundas BIA will hold a Wellness Week in September, this year, The Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce will host Dundas Senior's Day with a Health Fair at the Dundas Lion's Memorial Community Centre on September 29th.

Christmas was very good for the local business economy.

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy

Bill Kennedy discussed sites for Spencer Creek remediation. July through September is the only time that City or HRCA staff can get a permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources (Oceans and Fisheries) to enter the creek to do any work.

Bill suggested that there should be an assessment of the trees along the creek by professionals and that removals should occur where required.

General litter in town should be targeted. Bill noted that the Spencer Creek cleanup took place and was well attended. He suggested that a clean up needs to take place in April to ensure visibility of litter, before the green coverage is too dense.

Councillor Powers is working with Highland High School in response to a request of area neighbours to clean up along the Ann Morden Creek.

North of MacDougal between the pedestrian bridge and Davidson Blvd. requires attention. Larissa will send the address of the home where the youth are digging holes to build mounds and there are divots which are quite deep and should be filled.

(d) Heritage – Clare Crozier

July 1st Canada Day celebration tickets are \$50 per person and are available at the museum. The event will be held at John and Dorothy Richardson's farm in Flamborough.

The Museum's next major display will open in July and will celebrate the life of Dr. John MacRae of Flanders Fields fame. His brother married the daughter of a former Dundas mayor (Dr. MacRae was the best man).

(e) Sports and Recreation – no report

7. Questions from the Public

(a) Doug Gordon asked about the round-a-bout.

Councillor Powers responded that the Gov Rd study will take place this fall and the round-a-bout will be part of that study (either Davidson or Pirie).

(b) Jim Watson asked if widening Governor's Road will be part of the study. Councillor Powers assured him that it will be.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Tuesday, May 15th, 2007.

Note that the City will be entertaining applications for committees, with a deadline of May 14th. Notice has been distributed.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Mary Matthews, seconded by Bill Kennedy

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**