

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall**

**The Dundas Community Council met.**

**There were Present:** Russ Powers, Councillor  
Donna Graham, Heritage  
Mary Matthews  
Jeff Saunders  
Kerry McNamara, Sports and Recreation  
Nancy Gray, Culture and Recreation  
Jim Watson, Business  
Larissa Fedak

**Regrets:** None

**Also Present:** Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor Powers' Office  
Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News

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

None

**2. Previous Meeting Report**

The report from the October 18th, 2006 meeting was received as circulated.  
Moved by Jeff Saunders, seconded by Kerry MacNamarra to accept the minutes as is. Carried.

**3. Updates on Business from Previous Report**

**(a) Victoria Day 2007**

Councillor Powers reported that the City's intention is to continue Victoria Day in Dundas on the Sunday of the holiday weekend. There was some damage to the tennis courts last year from the low-level display. Sometime in March, they expect to test a couple of locations within the Driving Park for a high-level display. If they don't work out, they may look at a couple of alternative locations in Dundas, or revert back to a low-level display. The Victoria Day event will also include daytime activities.

**(b) Memorial Square**

Renovations are planned for the square at King and Sydenham, near the TD-Canada Trust. A four-sided display is planned – 2 sides will be devoted to the Museum for a historical display, The other sides will contain a notice board and possibly a map and location finder of Dundas. Kerry mentioned that he hopes they will add things to make it as vandal-proof as possible. Jim reported that it will be stone and plexi-glass. Russ advised that there will be increased benching and

landscaping, including a pedestal for the Christmas tree and a drinking fountain. Councillor Powers advised that the changes will result in no loss of parking spots along the east side of Canada Trust. Carl Collins requested info re the sidewalks. Russ said that the architect is aware of the need to consider urban Braille and his office will check on that.

**(c) Town Hall Repairs Update**

Clock has been approved, acquired, and will be installed once the snow on the roof is gone because the installation necessitates access to the roof.

The dome and cupola will be painted. Staff will be doing an historical review of the colours. The museum has agreed to find coloured images before the Town Hall is repainted this year. The Council Chambers has been redone.

**(d) Property at 150 King Street East**

An appraisal and review are still underway. There are other components such as removal of debris, Phase I and II Environmental Assessments and reclamation of the land that are being costed. We remain optimistic, but will await further confirmation of costs involved in acquiring and restoring the property. The property is totally within the flood plain.

**4. Information Items**

**(a) Pedestrian Lights on King Street**

The lights are now installed and are pedestrian activated. Residents and merchants feel that the situation has improved significantly. Another concern has arisen about the traffic from Ogilvie turning left onto King. Signage will be installed to warn motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. (Police need to enforce no left turn at Main and King during the posted hours)

Carl Collins mentioned the lack of a crosswalk at Day/Night Pharmacy. Russ reported that staff have been asked to look at that.

**(b) Dundas Traffic Studies**

The Councillor advised that the area of **York to Sydenham, King to Alma Streets** will be studied this year. A consultant has been engaged and will hold an open house on Monday, April 2, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs auditorium of the former Dundas Town Hall at 60 Main St., Dundas.

A **Downtown Dundas Transportation Study** is planned for the area bounded by Park Street from York Road to Market Street and Hatt Street from Main Street to Market Street.

Last Year, the City's staff completed the Downtown Business Study and the Hatt Street Urban Design Study. Now they will do the transportation studies this year.

Kerry asked that plans for City's road and service replacement for the Dundas area be added to a future agenda. A list of planned repairs for this year will be added to a future agenda.

Dundas hasn't had control of King St for many years because of the Region. Quiz: How many concrete cuts are there?

#### **Governor's Road Study**

From Main Street to Ridgewood Blvd. will also be the subject of a traffic study, which will also consider whether and where a Round-a-bout will be utilized. The study is anticipated to take place this year.

#### **(c) Dundas Driving Park Master Plan Update**

Community meeting took place and was well attended. Councillor Powers would like to invite Steve Barnhart (architect for the plan) to a future meeting so he can describe the plan and answer questions.

\$495 thousand has been approved for phase 1, this year. Next year, we are asking for \$505 thousand. This will dovetail with the Rotary Skating Pad – about 10,000 sq. ft. to occupy the area where the food concession is. The band shell, as we know it, will disappear and will be incorporated into a singular structure which will house public washrooms, food concession and the band shell. In the better weather, the skating pad will be utilized by people with lawn chairs, during concerts, and possible basketball hoops. This part of the project is planned to be complete by the fall of 2008.

It was agreed that Steve be invited.

#### **(d) Highway #6 and York Rd**

Access to Hwy #6 from York Road has been closed off since October of last year. Alternative routes are in place, but people are persisting in using Newman, Zellens, and Northcliffe, etc. It is still posted as local access and is being enforced until the streetlight installations are completed and the road is up to standard.

Councillor Powers advised that there have been meetings with residents and that he, personally, sat and counted 347 vehicles using that route within one hour. The neighbours are experiencing a major influx there and we ask that people use an alternate route.

MTO staff have provided a completion date of 18 months. When the cloverleaf becomes operational, Northcliffe access to Hwy #6 will be closed to traffic. A sound barrier will be installed from York Rd. to Hwy #403 and the Convent. Once the cloverleaf is operational, the sound barrier will preclude access to Northcliffe.

Once the streetlights are installed and operational, the road will no longer be considered substandard and the local access will be removed, but additional restraints will be implemented.

We are doing what we can to reduce the impact on the neighbourhood.

**(e) Community Councils**

The Mayor is still assembling the membership for the taskforce. Councillor Powers advised that it is his intention to continue to meet as a community council in the interim.

Discussion confirmed the continuation of the current Community Council membership, on an interim basis, and reconfirmed that the only members who may send an occasional alternate are those from the five interest groups: business, arts & culture, sports, environment, and heritage. A letter will be sent to the politicians and school board trustees to remind them that we welcome their personal participation only.

**5. Questions from Members**

**(a) Arts and Culture – Nancy Gray**

**Carnegie Gallery:**

They are working on the Capital Campaign and have been encouraged by the donations. Have installed a new furnace and will be making some necessary repairs.

Working on a fundraising agenda and planning another big event in the fall

A bus trip is planned March 27<sup>th</sup> to the Gardiner Museum.

**DVSA:**

Annual Art Auction and Sale will be held on April 14, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

**(b) Business – Jim Watson**

The new BIA Board and committees are in place for 2007. Buskerfest will be held again this year and the board has been working on the downtown parking

with the City. They have already seen quite a difference in the parking and are pleased with the new staff that are both diplomatic and gracious. The BIA Board has had meetings with the City about lighting and surfacing and are pleased that the City has taken over the parking.

Donna mentioned that there are parking meters that are out of order. Jim responded that there have been some problems with the meters freezing. Marty Hazel is currently putting together mapping of parking spaces within Dundas and they are trying to optimize the parking downtown.

There was a presentation to the BIA Board by Marty Hazell and Bill Young which was well received and they noted that the BIA is very pleased

**(c) Environment – No Report**

**(d) Heritage – Donna Graham**

Donna Graham advised that Claire Crozier wanted everyone to know about the Pub and Trivia Night on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Dundas Granite Club. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from the Museum.

Dundas Museum is currently hosting an exhibit on the Curling history of Dundas.

**(e) Sports and Recreation – Kerry MacNamara**

Recent concern has been raised by a citizen about the need for bocce ball courts in town and asked for an update at the next meeting.

**5. Questions from the Public**

Larissa: wants to know why there is no picture of the school posted at the new school. We will follow-up on this and forward to Larissa We'll make the plot plan and rendering (if avail)

Couldrey Park has been made available through reciprocal use as the sports field for the school so the School Board can maximize the table lands on the property.

Kerry noted that there is no requirement to post a picture.

Mary: Shell property. Russ has contacted Shell to request a meeting to discuss the site and stabilizing and getting rid of the fences.

Jeff: Have they populated all the citizen committees? Russ reported that they have completed some appointments. The appointments are available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) in last Wednesday's Council minutes.

Mr. Doug Gordon asked about the return of two way traffic on Foundry and McMurray.

Bill Kennedy: Witherspoon Street is unique and is nice as a narrow, rustic, street. Needs to be cleaned up, but not really changed.

Kerry McNamara: It would be nice if they could even put a thin layer of asphalt on King St. to make it look better.

Bill Kennedy: What about the property at Bond and Park Streets? The Councillor advised that it is still under appeal and the appeal ruling has not been given by the OMB.

## **6. Upcoming Meetings/Events**

A copy of the Community Council meeting dates was distributed. Please note that the May meeting has been changed to Tuesday to accommodate Council.

Hamilton Library would like to come to the May meeting to discuss their plans for the Dundas Library expansion and revision.

Kerry McNamara pointed out to Craig Campbell, of the Dundas Star, that the Dundas paper does not have a police report any longer and expressed that it would be helpful for the community.

## **7. Adjournment**

Moved by Kerry McNamara and seconded by Mary Matthews.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Russ Powers  
Councillor**