

**Wednesday, February 20th, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall**

**The Dundas Community Council met.**

**There were Present:** Russ Powers, Councillor  
Patti Cannon  
Bill Kennedy, Environment  
Stan Nowak, Heritage  
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation  
Fiorigio Minelli  
Phyllis Kraemer, Business  
Jeff Saunders

**Regrets:** Maria Antonakos  
Larry Button  
Bob James  
Ted McMeekin, MPP  
Carolyn Cornale

**Also Present:** Ken Daiken  
Doug Hammond  
David Sweet, MP  
Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor Powers' Office  
Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News

**1. Remarks from the MP**

David Sweet expressed his appreciation for the great work of the Dundas Community Council and gave an update on his efforts to establish a National Park in Cootes Paradise. He reported that meetings with landowners and RBG have developed difficulties and a solution is complicated by the fact that the RBG is operated with provincial funding and the fact that the Provincial Ministry has said that it may become a Provincial Park.

Canada Post has made it clear that they are moving out of the Dundas Post Office building and he hopes to hear something about that this week or next. Councillor Powers asked Mr. Sweet to get the timelines from the Post Office relocation process for the Council.

Phyllis Kraemer asks Mr. Sweet to try to get the Post Office to improve their snow cleaning of sidewalks. Mr. Sweet suggested that Councillor Powers send infractions to his office.

**2. Previous Meeting Report**

The report from the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting was received as amended and was moved by Keith Sharp, seconded by Jeff Saunders to accept the minutes. Carried.

### 3. Presentation – Ken Daikin

Ken introduced himself, Mr. Doug Hammond, Mr. Jeff Allan of Apple Storage.

Dundas Business Park lands at the intersection of Olympic Drive and King St., E. will be the location of the proposed project. The proponents propose to develop the site with a self-storage facility under the blanket of the Apple Storage.

The subject land has always been open and the historical uses are storage and open space, and self storage is in keeping: 2 themes – this land has always been considered appropriate for industrial or commercial use, qualified by the need for appropriate environmental studies.

In late 80's the Town of Dundas asked the Region to designate the site and the adjoining 2 acres as industrial, with specialized uses. These uses included some retail, not compatible for downtown competition. In the mid 90's the Town and Conservation Authority adopted a special policy floodplain area: standards are in the Town's Official Plan. In late 90's D Hammond acquired the land. He received a designation of public park land (commercial/recreation) because the soils were deemed deficient for retail uses and industrial major uses. In early 2003, Mr. Hammond submitted an application for parking for the University. Application and designs were submitted to the City in 2003, and City staff supported the proposal. In time, the application was withdrawn because Mr. Hammond and McMaster University could not come to terms on the lease. Fill has been added (mostly from the CFO tank excavation by the City).

The site is appropriate for employment or commercial-type uses. The environment is very important, given its proximity to both the marsh and creek. Storm drainage controls, landscaping and design are all important, recognizing that it is the entrance to the Community.

He presented a proposed site plan. Flood-proofing will mean that the site, when developed, will be raised by an additional 1 metre. The proponents have undertaken grading design, storm drainage reports, and environmental impact studies.

The proposal will contain 4 low-rise buildings situated east-west. Total land coverage will be only 40%.

The planned buildings will be finished in neutral colours. The site will contain no outside storage of any kind. One side access is planned from King St. East. The entire site will be surrounded the by a fence, for security purposes. Landscaping will then encircle the site.

Stan Nowak asked about the nature of the storage contents. Jeff responded, explaining that the contract prohibits the storage of dangerous goods, etc.

Phyllis Kraemer asked about signage. Apple Storage has a marker sign of its own. The signage will be located at the NE corner of the site, corner of King and Olympic, and at the driveway, and will be under the restrictions of the City Sign By-law.

### **Presentation – Hamilton Health Sciences Re: Service Realignment**

Murray Martin, CEO; Brenda Flaherty, VP Clinical Services; Jeff Vallentin, Assistant VP Corporate and Medical Affairs; Dr. Bill Krizmanich, Chief of Emergency Medicine; Dr. Peter Steer, President McMaster Children's Hospital attended and outlined Hamilton Health Sciences proposal for realignment of their provision of health services in Hamilton.

### **Discussion: Community Council Taskforce**

Councillor Powers introduced the discussion outline and general discussion followed:

#### ***Chair:***

Bill Kennedy thinks the Councillor should be the Chair. If the Councillor is not the Chair, there will be too much distance between the Council and the Community Council. Vice Chair could be a member.

Fiorigio Minelli agreed and expressed his concern that this is in contradiction with the very mandate. The Councillor needs to take a leadership role on the Community Council. Not a question of who directs the meetings, but one of how the meetings flow. Councillor needs to be more than a presence and needs to be central.

Jeff Saunders: Who is the council for? It is for the community, so why not have the community chair it?

Stan Nowak: Is there a reason why the recommendation was made to have the Councillor not in the chair.

Patti Cannon: We represent different segments of the community. A Chair needs to understand all the issues, as a Councillor does. I see that as a huge responsibility. As the elected representative, the Councillors have access to, and knowledge of, the overall issues.

Fiorigio Minelli: How could a community person be as aware of things at City Hall, etc., as the Councillor is?

Phyllis Kraemer: As chair of BIA, Russ comes to the mtgs. There are so many issues that come up that his resource is invaluable.

Keith Sharp took a different approach. Essential that the Councillor be a voting member, but not necessarily chair.

Fiorgio Minelli This report seems to look at the Community Council as an mechanism for input from the community, just – if not more -- important is the flow from the other direction.

Keith Sharp: If the Councillor is the chair, there still needs to be a vice-chair. He is willing to live with either.

Patti Cannon: Two issues: (1) whether there is support available for minutes and (2) whether the Councillor is here all the time. She agreed that the Councillor has to be present.

Fiorgio Minelli: The Councillor should NOT be ex-officio

Stan Nowak: It seems that the way it is in Dundas is the smoothest and most efficient way to handle the flow of info to Council and Staff.

Phyllis Kraemer feels that the Councillor should be the Chair.

***Selection:***

Keith Sharp: May want people to represent certain groups, having people appointed at large gives you the chance to get better people.

Councillor Powers: Does not think that the selection should be vested with the City's selection committee. Application should be designed to highlight the individual's interests to allow the selection committee to "build a committee". Interviewing should be done by a local selection committee who know the complexion of the community and who are without stake in the Community Council.

Selection committee should be residents of the local community being represented.

Jeff Saunders: Agreed

***Term:***

Jeff Saunders: Should be a term limit of 2 consecutive terms.

***Recording Secretary:***

The general feeling of the group was that a legislative assistant shall be provided with appropriate funding from the City.

***Autonomy:***

Funding for admin and research (see Councillor Powers' comments)

***Permissive Powers:***

Keith Sharp : The list of powers and duties as outlined in the report is an excellent starting point. To this, he would suggest adding the following:

- to comment formally on the acquisition/disposition of city owned properties and facilities within the area
- to comment formally on the issuance of any filming permits that will affect the area – specifically those that involve the closure, even temporarily, of any road or public facility
- to make recommendations concerning services, such as snow clearing, garbage/recycling collection, road, park and facility maintenance

Bill Kennedy thinks Community Council should be able to comment on roads and infrastructure

***General:***

Patti Cannon : Would it be beneficial at some time during the 4 year term to plan a gathering of all Community Councils to have a conference to discuss common issues?

Councillor Powers advised that a final submission of the Dundas Community Council discussions will be sent off to both the Mayor and Art Samson. Additional discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**4. Updates on Business from Previous Report****5. Community Reports from Members****(a) Arts and Culture – Patti Cannon**

See attached.

**(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer**

- A gallery is opening beside Canada Trust in the next couple of weeks.
- BIA promo group is currently working on this year's events
- AGM last Tues night was held during inclement weather and 51 people attended
- Two local grant programs are available: one for fascia improvements in the BIA area and another larger program for residential conversion downtown.
- Memorial Square: everything ready to be installed, but the weather has been too cold to install.

- Barq and Fitz gourmet pet food store (1 of 15 in Canada) is now open
- Lynn Powell has retired and the new Executive Director of the Dundas Downtown BIA is Judy Boswell.

**(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy**

- Gov's road has flashing lights and reduced speeds around the schools (down to 40 during school hours)
- Bill would like to see a Christmas Tree in front of Town Hall next year. Russ suggested that this would be an appropriate year, as the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Town Hall.
- Bill provided a flier on the "Silent Giants" presentation.

**(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak**

- Next presentation is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March on the relationship with Kaga
- Museum event "Road to Freedom" has been cancelled.
- Exhibit called "Sitting Pretty" opened this week (has to do with the toilet).
- Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Golf and Country Club will be held as a fundraiser for the museum.

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

- Registration for summer sports registration will take place on Sat Feb 23 and Mar 1.
- Both hockey teams have advanced to semi-finals. Playing Friday night. People are encouraged to get out and support them.

**(f) Others**

**7. Other Issues/Questions:**

**8. Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Next meeting Wed, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

**9. Adjournment at 9:50 p.m.**

Moved by Patti Cannon, seconded by Phyllis Kraemer

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Russ Powers  
Councillor**