

**Wednesday, November 19th, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall**

**The Dundas Community Council met.**

**There were Present:** Russ Powers, Councillor  
Larry Button  
Bob James  
Phyllis Kraemer, Business  
Fiorigio Minelli  
Stan Nowak, Heritage  
Jeff Saunders  
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation

**Regrets:** Bill Kennedy, Environment  
Carolyn Cornale  
Maria Antonakos  
Patti Cannon

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

- 1. Remarks from the MP, MPP, School Trustees - None**
- 2. Previous Meeting Report**

The report from the September 17<sup>h</sup>, 2008 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Keith Sharp, seconded by Larry Button to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

**3 Presentations and Discussions**

- a) Mrs. Gerry Goldberg, on behalf of the Resident's Action Committee at 160 Ogilvie and the residents of Walnut Grove, presented an overview of the plans for the property at the corner of Ogilvie and Governor's Rd. to construct two buildings with 208 units which would increase traffic on the interior access road as well as on both Ogilvie and Governor's. She explained that this would eliminate most of the green space that is easily accessible for residents with wheelchairs or walkers. Two hundred current residents are saddened and disillusioned by the plans. Fifty of the original buyers were told that there would be no future development on the orchard property. They have not been asked to be involved in any significant way in the plans, although the Villa acts as real estate agent in the sales of their condos, collects their condo fees and holds their trust fund. The 20' x 50' garden plot will be gone. She provided photos, which were circulated among the council members.

## Questions:

1. Larry Button mentioned the influx of more seniors who will not have access to medical care if HHS proposal is undertaken and thanked her for the presentation. He commented that, once the official application process begins, notification will have to be given to all residents within 400 meters.
2. Phyllis Kraemer asked where the entrance will be: off of Governor's Rd. or Ogilvie. Clr. Powers explained that he anticipated it to be from Ogilvie.
3. Phyllis also asked about parking. Don McIntyre responded to that and said that the residents have just sent a letter to the Villa and their Planner asking for clarification re: traffic, fire access, ambulances, garbage disposal. The residents feel that they have been excluded, but are buoyed by the fact that the Planning process will allow for input. The current zoning allows an institutional use and they will have to get a zone change to allow for residential development. The original entrance to the Villa Estates was off of Overfield, until the construction of an addition to the Villa changed the access to Ogilvie St. The Villa is the largest long term care facility in the province. The vision should include a vision for excellence for the property that provides greenspace for the residents.
4. Councillor Powers addressed the fact that there will be a loss of above-ground parking. There is now a singular entrance for underground parking and the drawings are difficult to decipher as to how they will deal with the parking.
5. Don reported that the residents had a meeting with City staff member, Kirsten Webb, to find out what was happening. The people on Walnut Grove will be dwarfed by a 10 storey building in their back yards.
6. Gerry Goldberg reported that the residents got a letter from the Villa, which acknowledged that the property where they intend to build is smaller than they thought, but they are still proceeding with the development.
7. Jeff Saunders asked if the objections were relational (if it was a smaller scale development, would that be more acceptable).
8. Bill Bryant who lives at the end of Walnut Grove thanked Mrs. Goldberg for including them in her remarks. He is not anti-Villa, but the building is just too high and the dust and dirt is horrific (he went through it with the Villa expansion). He would like it to remain as parkland for the people of Dundas.
9. Clr. Powers invited all members of Community Council to go to the site and walk it. He noted that he feels that the intensification appears to be too substantial for the amount of land left and removes what was established initially: appropriate land and green space.
10. Mike MacNamara thanked Gerry for her presentation and addressed the headaches that the current residents have already endured: the construction of building number two and the Villa expansion.

Residents do not want to experience that again. Out of 12 years of residency, there have been 5 years of construction.

Clr. Powers thanked the residents and promised to invite them back and to invite them if St. Joseph's Villa wants to come to a meeting in the future.

The Councillor answered some general inquiries about the history of this project from the Council members. The proposal came to light last fall and the only thing under discussion, at that time, was one building on the upper level in the area of the orchard, looking at stability of the land and the possibility of building there. Cold Spring Creek is sufficiently removed and the plateau is sufficiently high within the defined building envelope. There will have to be Official Plan amendments and zone changes, traffic, shadows, etc., before it gets to public meetings, etc.

**4. Updates on Business from Previous Report: None**

**5. Correspondence**

- (a) Circulation of an email message from Beatrice Ekwa Ekoko, dated October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Subject: Enhance Active Transportation in Your Community: Project Proposal, addressed to Community Council Members and Dundas Residents

It was moved by Jeff Saunders, seconded by Stan Nowak, that the letter be received and referred to Bill Kennedy for investigation and report to the next Community Council Meeting.

**6. Information/Discussion Items:**

**a) HHS proposal for realignment of health care services**

Bob James reported that the City spends at least \$1.4 million on EMS services per year. Only 40 or 50 pediatric patients travel by ambulance to MAC. By contrast, 3,000 or 4,000 adult cases arrive by ambulance, which presents problems with access and efficiency if they have to be transported to a more distant facility. He noted that EMS reports that it does the best job in the centre of the City and Dundas and the worst job in Flamborough.

He noted that the Dept of Obstetrics and Gynecology at MAC are not in favour of the plan because it will put high-risk women at even higher risk. There is some hope. A request has been made to the Ombudsman with regard to the LHIN. Marie Jacobs is looking at bringing some people together to look at issues. And they are still looking at a judicial review with regard to the decision.

## b) Dundas Transportation Study

Clr. Powers reported that the Dundas Transportation Study public meeting was very well attended. Copies of the handouts have been provided to the Council Members. When the comments have been compiled, Natasha will come back and brief the Community Council. One of the key issues was the fact that Dundas is becoming the traveled shortcut for people trying to avoid congestion in Ancaster, etc. The address is in the material if anyone wants to make additional comments.

## c) Dundas Driving Park

Clr Powers reported that the work is nearly complete. Sodding is virtually finished and the fences are down. Skating is expected to be available by early December. City staff are hoping to have an official opening for the whole park in February (perhaps including an event for Winterfest).

## d) Dundas Tourism Group

Clr. Powers reported that the Dundas Tourism Group has been meeting regularly and they are well on the way to producing a tear-off map of Dundas and are beginning to work on a high-quality brochure.

## e) J.L. Grightmire Arena

Larry noted that he has been trying to follow the plans for the future of the arena, and noted that the report is 300 pages long. An executive summary is included in Council Members packages.

Clr. Powers has never supported closure of the Grightmire arena. There are some options. Sometime between 2012 and 2016 they will do a feasibility study. There is no imminent threat, if at all.

Larry commented on the fact that the people of Dundas contributed and built the facility in the first instance and, more recently, contributed significantly to its refurbishment.

Clr Powers explained that a consultant was retained to study all facilities within the City, to determine the future needs and obligations for each facility. In some areas of the City facilities are not well used and have become obsolete because of neglect.

Fiorigio Minelli pointed out that Dundas residents are baffled about how the arena could be considered underutilized or irrelevant when they are having to take their children to practices at 6 a.m. because no other ice time is available.

Clr. Powers further described the upgrades and efficiencies that have been consistently maintained over the years: new roof in the '80's, etc.

f) Designating Heritage Properties

Larry Button had asked for an explanation about the designation of heritage properties, without agreement of the owner of the building (an unfriendly designation).

Clr. Powers will research the current rationale and will report to the next meeting

g) Dundas Post Office

Canada Post has let tenders for the construction of a new Ancaster postal processing facility. Next year the new facility is expected to be operational. Clr. Powers and David Sweet, M.P. have arranged to meet to discuss options for keeping the building viable in downtown Dundas.

h) December meeting

The meeting will be tentatively scheduled, in case there are important issues to be addressed, but will be confirmed or cancelled early in December.

## 7. Community Reports from Members

### (b) Arts and Culture – Patti Cannon

No Report – Patti away

### (b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Bucks and Bargoons is closing because the owner is retiring
- Downtown Dundas is alive and well
- New shoe store coming at the corner of Cross and King in March.
- Christmas tree was erected last night
- Two new business: CARE Dental and In Vogue
- CH TV changes and cutbacks will have some serious effects on Dundas promotion: as of the end of November, they will not be able to do live spots from Dundas.
- Johanna Chapman's store is closed. An engineer has purchased the property and is moving his business to Dundas.

- 16 Sydenham has been purchased for the purpose of opening a fine dining restaurant and the owners are working with the City to overcome some of the challenges with regard to the shared alleyway and garbage collection
- The BIA is working co-operatively with the Dundas Division of the Chamber of Commerce, Councillor Powers and City staff toward developing a farmer's market for next spring
- Tree lighting is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm which begins Downtown Dundas' "Dickens of a Christmas" season

**(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy**

- No Report – Bill Kennedy ill

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

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

- Noted that there are rooms available in town facilities at little or no cost to residents
- Russ reported that he set up a meeting with City staff and Dundas Little League to discuss issues that will need to be addressed for the spring next year
- Bob James asked if the tree plantings in the park will pose any problem for baseball/softball. Keith said that, now that the fences have been removed, he will be checking into that in the near future. These are intermediate diamonds, so it is not anticipated that it will be a problem

**(f) Others**

- Keith asked about plans for moving the Fire Dept. – The move is scheduled to take place on November 28th

**7. Other Issues/Questions:**

- Fire Dept move is planned for November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Christmas Tree lighting will be November 28<sup>th</sup>. (*Note that the first Christmas tree in Canada was installed in Dundas in 1914*)
- December 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a Police Public Safety forum from 7 – 9 pm in the Town Hall
- December 8<sup>th</sup> is the last Dundas flu clinic from 3 – 7 p,
- December 11<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Fire Department will hold a public focus group on Fire Safety at the Town Hall from 7 – 9 pm

**8. Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm and will be confirmed or cancelled in early December.

**9. Adjournment** at 8:45 p.m. was moved by Larry Button and seconded by Jeff Saunders.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Russ Powers  
Councillor**