

Wednesday, November 21st, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall

The Dundas Community Council met.

There were Present: Russ Powers, Councillor
Maria Antonakos
Larry Button
Patti Cannon, Culture and Recreation
Bill Kennedy, Environment
Phyllis Kraemer, Business
Fiorigo Minelli
Stan Nowak, Heritage
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation

Regrets: Bob James, Jeff Saunders

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

1. Previous Meeting Report

The report from the October 17th, 2007 meeting was received as circulated with revisions. Moved by K. Sharp, seconded by Bill Kennedy to accept the minutes as revised. Carried.

2. Presentation – Dundas Public Library (postponed until January meeting)

3. Updates on Business from Previous Report

Councillor Powers reported that HSR drivers will announce stops. In response to Bob James request for available information on what protection is available if a building is designated under the Heritage Act, Councillor Powers has requested a chart and will bring it to a future meeting, once it is available.

5. Information Items

- (a) **Sir William Osler Elementary School** opened on November 12th. Central Park Elementary School and Dundas District are now vacant and closed. The official opening has not been announced as yet. Bill Kennedy pointed out that the staggered opening hours has worked well.
- (b) **Dundas Driving Park** The contract for the Driving Park will go to tender this week, and next year work will begin with the demolition of the band shell, the washroom and the kiosk. The Dundas Concert Band is satisfied with the use of the Dundas Community Centre venue for the duration, next

summer. Next spring will see the beginning of the overall reconstruction project. The reorientation of the ball diamonds will not be ready for spring use. The wading pool will be functional during the 2008 summer and the new one will be ready for 2009. The skating rink will be operational for winter 2009. Maria Antonakos asked about warrants for construction to be on time. Clr Powers reported that there are penalties built into the contract.

- (c) **Memorial Square** Clr Powers reported that the correspondence he has received indicates that everything is to be completed by November 30th.

- (d) **Dundas District Playfield**

- (e) **Development**

Pleasant Valley former school site: Site preparation will start soon, then construction of the 7 single detached and 10 semi-detached units will commence.

University Gardens former school site: There are 19 sites on that property and all are sold. Development is expected to begin soon.

Conservation Run Phase 3: An extension of Davidson Blvd will house townhouses. We will bring a package to the next meeting: P. Cannon asked about greenspace. Clr Powers will provide a report for the next meeting.

- (f) Public Art for Dundas Driving Park – announced as a site eligible for a large-sized piece of Public Art. The historic connection of the Driving Park to the history of Dundas and the relationship of the Driving Park to horses, etc., will be a focal point. There will be a call for proposals and the art piece will probably be located in the park as part of the initial integrated plan. It was mentioned that it was hoped that the artist could be selected from the local area as part of the criteria.
- (g) Dundas Town Hall Renovations: Paint samples are being taken to find the original colours and they will be removing the vines from the exterior of the building. On Dec, 10th Committee will vote on spending the necessary funds on this building. Because it is a designated building there will be some challenges, but the designation ensures that it remains a beautiful historical treasure in Dundas.
- (h) Wentworth Lodge Reconstruction
The Councillor reported that it is anticipated that the reconstruction will be finished by the spring of 2009. Once it is completed, the parking lot is expected to accommodate the necessary parking for Wentworth Lodge and parking issues on Lynden Court should diminish.

- (l) Thorpe and Main Street Bridge Reconstruction - Copy provided. Plans are available for public comment until December 3rd. If everything goes according to plan, the Main St Bridge is anticipated to be reconstructed next year in 2008 and reconstruction of the Thorpe St. Bridge, which will require a temporary second bridge for the construction period, will probably take place in 2009 or 10010.

6. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Patti Cannon

Patti Cannon gave a verbal report on the various upcoming activities for the holiday season.

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Dec kicks off Dickens of a Christmas in downtown Dundas
- Horse and buggy rides will be available on weekends in December, along with cider and cookies
- The Post Office looks like it may vacate sooner, rather than later
- Christmas lights are up
- The former Owl's Roost has all it's building permits and the exterior is looking quite handsome
- Additional 16 king spaces are now available along with 4 renewed spaces behind the Post Office because the fence has been removed
- Keith Sharp mentioned that the street markings at the meters do not match up. Phyllis mentioned that lines cannot be removed and apparently the City does not paint lines at meters any longer. The BIA is very pleased with the work of the current parking meter officer
- Film office is closing Cootes Drive on Sunday Dec. 9th for the filming of Val Kilmer's XIII. Phyllis has been working with Jacqueline to keep the lines of communication open between the film companies and the merchants in downtown Dundas.
- It was suggested that we invite the film office to come to a Community Council meeting to discuss options for limits/controls by Dundas.

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy

- Dundas Trees Council has formed the Dundas Valley Treekeepers and they have had 2 meetings. They are trying to get the Forestry Dept involved to be sure that the City is involved, where appropriate
- Spencer Creek has areas of concern with erosion in spots. Conservation Authority is now looking at it and, at a recent meeting, the CA indicated an interest in stabilizing the erosion. Window of Creek intrusion is June 15 to Sept 15th, yearly.

- Highland School lights burn constantly. 24 hrs. The new school lights are burning constantly too, as are St. Augustine's school lights.
- There will be a Gypsy Moth presentation on December 4th.
- Bill would like to thank Russ for the work he is doing on the Cootes Paradise with regard to a Provincial Park.

(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak

- Museum Christmas Carol Event Dec 8th will take place at Dundas Town Hall at 8:00 pm
- Historical Society speaker series will take a break for December Next presentation is Wed. January 9th – An evening with Madame Mayor (Maryanne Seldon)
- Christmas memories dinner this Saturday is sold out.
- Calendars are still for sale \$17

(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp

- Hockey and figure skating are on-going
- Clr Powers made note that public consultation sessions will be held on December 4 at the Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre at 7:00 pm regarding the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities.

(f) Others

7. Other Issues/Questions:

Phyllis Kraemer mentioned that the BIA approved an expenditure for decorative lights in the downtown core.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting Wed, December 19th.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Larry Button, seconded by Patti Cannon

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**