

Wednesday, October 21st, 2009
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
Stan Nowak, Heritage
Jeff Saunders
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation
Libby Toews

Regrets: Jessica Brennan
David Sweet, M.P.
Bill Kennedy
Fiorigio Minelli

Absent: Maria Antonakos

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 15th, 2009 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Jeff Saunders, seconded by Bob James, to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions

Parkside High School 50th Anniversary by Dean Cowell and the Principal of Parkside. The mandate is 'Celebrating our Past – Inspiring our Future'. A committee of about 50 past students and staff are organizing the activities for the weekend of May 27th – 30th, 2010. Over the 50 years, eleven to twelve thousand students have passed through the school. It is estimated that about 30% will attend – approx. 3,500 participants plus guests (5000 expected). An on-line survey attracted approx. 500 Parkside grads. 50% live in the Dundas area and the others will travel 50+ km to

attend. Based on averages, they could be spending \$250,000 while they are in town. They have posted photos of the town on Facebook and on the Birthday web site.

Survey indicated that respondents were excited about the Friday night event, wanted to stay in or near the school and keep everything in Dundas. The arena was number one choice. 700 people have registered in the facebook group. Web site is well underway. The work has been donated by a former grad. Dundas Star News will do Parkside profiles and an insert in the paper for the weekend.

Thursday event will be at Parkside for a Spirit Assembly. Friday golf tournament at Flamborough Hills and a tent on the football field for the night event. Some of these events will require permits, etc. On Saturday the 5 k run and walk may require permits for closures, etc. Open Mike at the Collins and Saturday night at the Market St. Arena. Sunday Family Picnic in the Park. There will be a legacy fund and those funds will go back to the school to support burseries, etc., for students.

Concerned about noise and parking issues and working with the neighbours to keep them informed. Looking work with the City and the BIA.

Clr. Powers introduced Phyllis as Chair of the Dundas Downtown BIA, Stan Nowak and Libby Toews to connect with the museum and the Carnegie Gallery and thanked Dean for his presentation.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report:

1. Information requested at the previous meeting was provided to members.
2. Post Office – Canada Post has received 2 viable offers and will be determining the outcome. The LACAC committee has initiated identifying certain components as having historical significance and will be pursuing historical designations when the building is sold into private hands.
3. Community Councils has been presented to committee and will go to Council for approval. The report formalizes what is in place now. Councillors will not be required to convene Community Councils, but may at their discretion. Current Councils can continue to function and will provide for some administrative support. There will be no additional delegated authority to these Councils as the Provincial legislation has no provisions for such authority.
4. Dundas Library book sale at Cactus Festival. Councillor Powers read a letter from the Friends of the Library advising that the event will be discontinued due to the challenge of storing and managing the event, going forward.

5. Proposed and on-going projects in Dundas

- 17-1/2 Park St. E. – Houses are framed and the construction is underway
- District – challenges with CN Rail and Conservation Authority have been resolved. Anticipate commencing interior work over the winter
- 201 King St. East – The hearing has been established for January 2010

- 23 – 25 King E. – Goodtimes Hunting and Fishing Club members have joined the Airforce Club and the proposal is for a 2 storey commercial/residential building with underground parking.
- York and Valley Road proposed development – Ministries have not made any pronouncements. City is still waiting.
- St. Joseph's Estates – 2 buildings on the site are proposed. The residents did a presentation to the Ec Dev Committee and the Ward Councillor was to meet with the residents and the Villa to try to resolve with a workable compromise, and provide the Committee with a progress report by the end of November. St. Jos Villa has no intention of backing off on their proposal. It is expected to go back to Ec Dev in November. Staff have advised that, unless changes are made to the original plan, no additional public planning meetings will be required.
- 133 – 135 King St. West – application has been made by Shopper's Drug Mart and is in the hands of City staff. No date has been set for discussion of the site plan.
- 24 Brock Street N. – application is in place, but no movement or changes at this time.
- 10 Bond Street N. – no application, just a request for pre-consultation
- 2555 Creekside Dr. – no application, just a staff pre-consultation meeting.
- Sydenham Restaurant – work is continuing
- Deluxe Restaurant – work is continuing
- Stan Nowak asked about the previous KFC property. Clr. Powers reported that there are challenges due to the fact that it is located within a flood plain.

6. Correspondance

- None

7. Information/Discussion Items:

8. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Libby Toews

- Still waiting for funding
- November 10 – 12, Dundas Arts Weekend includes a free trolley from 12 – 3:00 between the Gallery, the museum and the Potter's Guild Sale, as well as an estate sale at DVSA
- 2010 will be the 100th anniversary of the Carnegie building and events are planned, and 30 years of the gallery
- Opening Thursday, November 6 new exhibition: Potters and Painters and an artists walk on the following Sunday.
- The Hamilton School of Performing Arts will have their grand opening on Thursday, October 29th, 2009.

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Wellness week went well. The Friday night dance was encumbered by very cold weather and crowd dissipated early.
- Jeff Crump (Ancaster Old Mill and author of a new book) will be at the market this Thursday.
- The final market day for 2009 will be October 29th and Chef and Wife will be guests.
- Scarecrow Saturday will be featured downtown on Saturday, October 30th. Everyone is welcome to participate in the contest, the bluegrass music, apple cider, etc.
- Adventure Attic is working toward a prestigious film festival in February 2010 featuring outdoor filming.
- Kids and Crafts building and the former owl's roost were nominated for their renovation work.
- The BIA Board has submitted a letter to the City Planners with regard to Shopper's Drug Mart and some issues that they felt required addressing. Libby suggested that there may be reason to require a archaeological study because it was Snetsingers.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Friday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Square to kick off the BIA's "Dickens of a Christmas".

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy –**(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak - Report Attached****(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp**

- Ice is in the arena and winter sports are underway
- Trees in the Driving Park were not an issue this year.
- Clr. Powers reported that the Sunrise Rotary Club has done additional work at the Driving Park Skating Rink. They poured a rubberized walkway around the area and have applied an epoxy concrete to the surface.
- As well, the Councillor reported that a successful tender has been let to a concessionaire for operation of the concession in the park.

9. Other Issues/Questions:

- Doug Gorden asked what Hydro One is doing. Clr. Powers explained that they are completing the work that was interrupted when they had to stop work, earlier in the fall.

- Keith Sharp asked about the Green Cart Replacement Programme in the Councillor's handouts. Will be re-advertised in the Clrs. Column.
- Councillor Powers reminded folks to attend the Remembrance Day Service on November 11, 2009.
- Tuesday, November 24th, from 6:30 – 8:30 – Open House at the Fire Station
- Stan reported that The Dundas Little Theatre will celebrate 30 years in 2010 and they are looking for any old paraphernalia (old programs, etc.)

10. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, 2009.

- 11. Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.** moved by Stan Nowak and seconded by Larry Button

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**