

Wednesday, November 24th, 2010
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
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation

Regrets: Bill Kennedy, Environment
Stan Nowak, Heritage
Jeff Saunders
Libby Toewes, Art & Culture

Absent:

Also Present: Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News
Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor's Office
Doug Gordon, Dundas Resident
Carl Collins, Dundas Resident

1. Remarks from the MP, MPP, School Trustees - None

2. Previous Meeting Report

The report from the September 22nd, 2010 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Bob James , seconded by Larry Button to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions

- Clr Powers thanked all of the members for their contributions and explained that the agenda will be very general tonight.
- Keith Sharp – no report
- Phyllis Kraemer:
 - Tree Lighting is Friday, Nov. 26
 - Launches Dickens of a Christmas
 - Detour Coffee will be donating coffee

- Cider stand will be manned by Susan Preston on Sunday and there will be horse and buggy rides
 - Free parking for December in the Municipal lots only
 - Susan Preston is using the St. Paul's Church kitchen and is selling from there 9 – 1 on Friday and 8 – 2 on Saturday. Special orders are accepted up until Wednesday.
 - Ellenoire has moved up the street.
 - Sure Copy has closed and is out of business.
 - Quatrafoil was selected as one of "Ten New Restaurants" by Air Canada's EnRoute magazine.
- Larry asked about the car wash closure. Clr. Powers explained that the owner was having some challenges with upgrades/

Community Council:

- Keith wished everyone the best of the holiday season.
- Worthwhile to have the information on what is going on in town
- Hasn't had as much information as he had hoped to bring
- Would be pleased to continue for another term
- Optimists will do their annual Santa and photos at Christ Church in Greensville on Sat. Dec. 4th 8:30 – 11:00

Larry Button:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Russ for the opportunity to sit on the Council.
- Mutually beneficial to have a forum
- Critical to have Craig (DSN) here
- Find it disappointing that more people don't take advantage of the forum
- Hope people don't use it as a political vehicle
- Also very useful to correct misinformation like the closure of the arena
- From a personal standpoint, his involvement with the owners on Creekside, appreciated the opportunity to come to the Community Council and express their concerns
- Larry wanted to thank Russ for having the Creekside site cleaned up and the trailers removed
- St. Joseph's Villa residents appreciate Russ' assistance with their issues

Bob James:

- Bob James commented that its been a great 4 years

- He's learned a lot and would like to suggest that the Community Council's mandate be broadened to include some of the issues in the broader Hamilton area: to provide perspectives on the stadium, aerotropolis, etc.
- He will be submitting his application to continue on the Council

Fiorigio:

- Thank you – have learned a lot and appreciated the level of involvement of the council and the ease with which people can come to attend and make presentations or show their support for things in Dundas
- Allows people to speak at a personal level rather than a bureaucratic level.

Phyllis:

- She thinks that the Community Council is just the greatest
- This is the nucleus and it goes out from here (thanks to Craig and the DSN) because we find out things about the community
- Thanks to Clr. Powers and expressed her appreciation for his passion for Dundas
- Phyllis asked about the Dundas Bus Pilot Project. Clr. Powers advised that the first of the focus groups will be structured in the new year and will be hand circulating every house on the route.

Doug Gordon asked if they are doing anything in the arena:

- Sound system has been revamped for \$35,000
- A group of citizens are working to fundraise to leverage the \$100,000.00 into a Million dollars to do some major renovations (elevator, 2nd storey lounge, etc.)

Russ Powers:

- The expertise around the table is invaluable, whether that expertise is a long-time resident, Larry's in municipal government, Bob in community health, Fiorigio's university connection, and Phyllis' representation of Downtown Business and noted that he will be expanding the Council to include a youth member.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report:

1. Proposed and on-going projects in Dundas

5. Correspondence - None

6. Information/Discussion Items:

- Councillor Powers drew attention to the fact that the advertisement regarding submissions

7. Community Reports from Members

7. Other Issues/Questions:

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting will be announced as this is the last meeting of the current Council term of office.

- 9. Adjournment** at 7:44 p.m. moved by Keith Sharp and seconded by Fiorigio Minelli

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**