

Tuesday, May 15th, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall

The Dundas Community Council met.

There were Present: Russ Powers, Councillor
Larissa Fedak
Clare Crozier, Heritage
Nancy Gray, Culture and Recreation
Bill Kennedy, Environment
Mary Matthews
Jeff Saunders
Jim Watson, Business

Regrets: Kerry McNamara

Also Present: Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor Powers' Office
Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News
Doug Gordon, Dundas Resident
Andy Cranberry, Dundas Resident
Art Samson – Mayor's Taskforce
Bob Wade – Mayor's Taskforce
Phil Bruckler – Mayor's Taskforce
Michele Stark – Mayor's Taskforce
Marjorie Walker – Mayor's Office

1. Remarks from the Mayor, M.P., M.P.P., School Trustees

None.

2 Previous Meeting Report

The report from the April 18th[†], 2007 meeting was received as circulated.
Moved by Bill Kennedy, seconded by Mary Matthews to accept the minutes as reported. Carried.

3. Presentation – Mayor's Task Force on Community Councils

Art Samson gave an overview of the taskforce and it's intent to seek information from the Community Council members.

Each Councillor introduced themselves and provided a short overview of why they applied, originally, for membership.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report**(a) Hwy #6 and York Road**

Russ reported that the signs are expected to be removed soon, now that the advanced green on Hwy #6 and the streetlights are operational.

(b) Wentworth Lodge

Russ advised that he recently met with Wentworth Lodge residents and Wentworth Lodge Family Council. It is anticipated that the renovations will be complete by spring of 2008. It is their intention to have a big neighbourhood party, once complete.

5. Information Items**(a) Streetlights**

The new maintenance contractor is R..J. Cramm Electric and will guarantee that streetlights will be replaced/repared within 48 hours – max. 1 week. Residents can phone 905.546.2098 to report expired lights.

(b) 2007 – 2010 Community Council

Councillor Powers indicated his Intention to advertise in the June 15th edition of Dundas Star News, inviting Dundas residents to apply for membership on the next Community Council, postmarked by June 30th, so the new Community Council will be in place by September.

(c) City Committee Applications

Council members were advised that the City is now advertising to invite applications for various volunteer committees.

6. Community Reports from Members**(a) Arts and Culture – Provided by Nancy Gray**

The Carnegie Gallery building's roof and window projects are now complete and the work on the front steps will be completed soon. They continue to promote the building campaign, are working with several government agencies and learning to deal with deadlines, etc.

The 35th anniversary show for Donn Zver is on-going.

The recent Dundas Little Theatre production was a success. Russ advised that the City is moving forward in a positive manner to ensure that the Garstin Centre is preserved for the future.

The Studio Guide will be published again this year to promote the Dundas arts community to a wider community and the publication has had excellent support from the merchants.

(b) Business – Jim Watson

Work has begun on the market square and kiosk. They are planning to meet the target of the first week of June.

Dundas Parking has been taken over by the City, and the BIA has been working with City staff on the changeover. City staff have taken on the project of mapping the parking in Dundas and will significantly increase the number of parking spaces downtown. Remarks were made about the positive attitude of the downtown parking officer.

The BIA is working with City staff to put grates around some of the trees in the downtown BIA area.

Russ reported that there will be a major transportation study which will include Governor's Road from Main to Ridgewood, as well as a transportation masterplan for the downtown area.

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy

Bill advised that the tree that he reported, which was down in Spencer Creek last month, has been cleaned up and the City staff did a great job.

Russ reported that the City is conducting an inventory of the properties through which the Spencer Creek runs, to assist the City to determine who is responsible for issues along the creek.

(d) Heritage – Clare Crozier

July 1st BBQ and barn dance at the Richardsons will be a fundraiser for the Museum.

The Museum will have a double-decker bus, next weekend, which will shuttle people from the downtown area to the Museum for its open house. Clare would like to publicly thank the BIA for their co-operation on the Kiosk.

Clare reported that the Cross-Melville Heritage Area is looking at signage and trees within the heritage area.

Bill said he has had concerns about the Ellen Osler Home, and spoke to a contractor who was working on the building recently. The contractor told him that he was working to restore any of the rotten wood, etc.

Russ mentioned that this is the 160th anniversary of the incorporation of Town and asked about museum plans.

The Cross-Melville traffic study is expected to be completed up by the end of June. There was an open house which was well attended and there will be another before the end of June.

Russ was at the Central Park School reunion last weekend, where there were five of the original teachers and a few of the original students in attendance.

June 16th is the 150th anniversary of Dundas Central School. There will be an open house from 11 to 5 and will the Dundas Rotary Clubs will host a beer tent during the event. Biddle prints of the school are available through the organizers. Call Russ Powers' office for contact information.

(e) Sports and Recreation – no report

7. Questions from the Public

The Dundas West School is well underway, and is anticipated to open in September 2007.

Councillor Powers and the Principal of Highland Secondary School are arranging a blitz within the next 10 days of the Ann Morden Creek, between Davidson and Veteran's Park. The Highland Environmental Club is planning the event.

Jeff asked about Media Com Park. Work is planned to begin once the plantings in the City boulevards are completed.

Art asked about the archives project with the Museum. Councillor Powers reported that approvals are in place and the hold-up is due to City staff's workload, but he is confident that it will be in place soon.

Art also asked about fireworks. Russ reported that the fireworks are planned for Sunday, May 20th (raindate is Monday, May 21st).

Art thanked the Community Councillors for allowing the Taskforce to sit in on the meeting.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events - none

9. Adjournment

Moved by Jeff Saunders seconded by Mary Matthews.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**