

Wednesday, May 21st, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall

The Dundas Community Council met.

There were Present: Russ Powers, Councillor
Larry Button
Patti Cannon
Bob James
Bill Kennedy, Environment
Phyllis Kraemer, Business
Stan Nowak, Heritage
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation
Fiorigio Minelli

Regrets: Maria Antonakos
Jeff Saunders
David Sweet
Carolyn Cornale

Also Present: Craig Campbell, Dundas Star News

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

The report from the April 16th, 2008 meeting was received as distributed and was moved by Fiorigio Minelli, seconded by Bill Kennedy to accept the minutes, as presented. Carried.

3 Presentations and Discussions

Caroline Floroff presented a proposal for 234 York Road for a 18 unit freehold townhouse development. Units will be 2200 – 2500 sq ft, selling for \$350 – 400,000 as a preliminary plan. Units will include a condominium roadway on land 4100 sq. m. Single family detached properties back onto this property. Meetings have taken place with staff, who were generally supportive. It will require rezoning and an OP amendment along with site plan approval. The density is high.

The next step will be to hold an Open House, after which the design may be revised further before an application is submitted. They expect to submit a preliminary site plan application, then a formal application for OP

and Zoning By-law amendments, after which a formal "Planning Act" public meeting will be held.

A first public Open House is expected to be held within the next month so that people can ask questions. Generally a notice is sent to neighbours within 100 m of the property.

Jennifer Lawrence, Mgr of Environmental Planning for Conservation Halton, is a neighbouring resident and she expressed that the neighbours are concerned. They are not saying no development, but are concerned that although 28 units are allowed, 44 are requested, and that this is too high for the area.

Places to Grow indicates where intensification is intended to go and Dundas is not on it. The surrounding area is single family large lots

Doug Gordon asked how many trees will be removed.

Caroline explained that the final design will determine the tree plan which will be part of the site plan.

Larry Button mentioned that it is very busy off of Fieldgate, the site line coming from Olympic is difficult and a large number of youngsters are picked up for school by bus at Camay and Fieldgate. Traffic will probably be a key issue for the neighbourhood.

Caroline mentioned that staff addressed the traffic issue and have made suggestions for changes to the driveway which will meet the criteria.

Clr. Powers asked that notices be sent to his office for distribution.

4. Updates on Business from Previous Report:

5. Information/Discussion Items:

a) HHS Proposal

Bob James gave an overview of the past two meetings of the citizen group. HHS representatives tried to convince them that they are listening and assured them that they are anxious to get going on an Urgent Care Centre in West Hamilton which will be open 12 hours per day.

He noted that Rob Payne's comments were good: We need to understand that HHS has different priorities than the public may have and that they are operating from that perspective, and that a physicians group may be able to work with them.

Larry shared that if it is ultimately determined that they are doing the right thing, he is not convinced that they are doing it for the right reason. It's a top-down process. Talked more about scheduling and the ability to attract specialists to the benefit of surgeons, etc.

They have not mentioned St. Joe's because they really don't know what the role will be.

Fiorigio asked for clarification of what an Urgent Care Centre.

According to Clr. Powers, Brenda Flaherty said she would provide the group with documentation of what an Urgent Care Centre services would include.

They said that only 6% of the patients who attend the Stoney Creek Urgent Care Ctr actually need more care than Urgent Care. Bob James suggested that the LHIN might be able to confirm that data.

Cr. Powers reported that the next thing planned is a meeting with the LHIN. HHS Board of Directors have made a presentation to the LHIN. They have a commitment that the LHIN Chair of the Board and its Executive Director will meet with the citizen's group. No decision has been made by the LHIN and they will meet with the group before meeting with HHS again and any decision made.

Bob James noted that Dr. Tallman is apparently addressing City representatives next Tuesday morning.

Regarding emergency care, he is unclear where they are planning to get the ER physicians to staff it. They are saying that they will be able free them up because they are going to be hiring paediatric ER physicians (Canada produces 6 per year), so unsure about source.

The point was made that the long-term care patients cannot be accommodated in the community and there is a concern about where they will go.

Clr Powers: LHINs are looking for the provision of appropriate medical care for the community and that health services are not compromised by the direction proposed by HHS.

Bob James: HHS seems to be focusing primarily on Emergency services, but that's not all that health care services are about.

This does not address the issue of backlogs of ambulance services.

HHS' Brenda Flaherty said that 30% of patients in hospital are alternative health care, which means they should be somewhere else in the community.

b) Community Council Task Force

Former Clr Samson addressed City Council a week or so ago. Some councillors have absolutely no interest in having Community Councils. It will probably play out that they will be allowed, but not mandated. Staff has been directed to come back with a document to Council. Clr. Powers will provide copies of the document, when it is received. Staff will be checking The Municipal Act with regard to delegation of powers.

c) Town Hall Renovations

Renovations are to start this week and will be underway until the end of July. Retaining the historical look, energy efficient windows will be installed and various other improvements will take place.

d) Veldhuis Property Update

Hamilton Conservation Authority has purchased the lands from the previous owner. The damaged greenhouses at both ends will be demolished shortly. The central facility will continue to be utilized for up to 3 years and then will be demolished to allow for completion of the passive parkland.

6. Community Reports from Members

(a) Arts and Culture – Patti Cannon

See attached.

(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer

- Buskerfest will be held in downtown Dundas June 6, 7 and 8
- Right after that, filming will take place downtown (Warehouse 13 – a sci-fi movie for HBO)
- AMICA is having an open house on Friday, June 6th for 1 – 5. ribbon cutting will be at 3:00 pm and includes tours

- BIA is working on a strategic plan for the next 3 years
- Two know galleries in town: near Canada Trust and another in the IODF Hall where Rivercrest Printing was and their grand opening is this coming Saturday
- Adeline's is open and serves all day breakfast and is a family restaurant.
- Post Office has been cleaned up behind the fencing

(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy

- Gypsy Moth spraying is underway
- This coming Saturday, the Ham Conserv Authority will be holding open house from 9:00 am to noon, to share ideas for the 50 year plan. Lunch will be provided.
- Next Wed (28th) Dundas Baptist Church, the tree inventory results will be provided to the public
- On June 8th there will be a heritage homes and landscape tour at 2 pm. Meeting at St. Paul's Church parking lot. The tour will be led by Ann Gillespie and Bill Kennedy. Free admission.

(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak - See attached.

- Stan arrived from the Dundas Valley Historical Society's AGM. Jane Morris is taking over from Jane Mulkavic and Stan Nowak will be the Communications Chair.
- Report attached.
- Giant's Rib fundraiser will be held on the 20th of June – wine and cheese. Tickets are available at \$50.00 each Info is available at www.giantsrib.ca

(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp

- A parking issue in the park has been resolved

(f) Others

7. Other Issues/Questions:

- Phyllis Kraemer noted that Craig Campbell was the recipient of an award

- District School update
- 1997 Citizen of the Year, Mary Warren, passed away
- Clr. Powers noted that Dundas Downtown Transportation Master Plan stakeholder;s meeting will be held at Dundas Town Hall on Monday May 26th, 2008 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Please call to reserve space Donnet Riley, 905-546-2424, ext. 2383 or email: driley@hamilton.ca.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next meeting Wednesday, June 18th, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

9. Adjournment at 8:50 p.m moved by Phyllis Kraemer and seconded by Keith Sharp

Respectfully Submitted,

**Russ Powers
Councillor**