

**Wednesday, September 19th, 2007**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, Dundas Town Hall**

**The Dundas Community Council met.**

**There were Present:** Russ Powers, Councillor  
Bill Kennedy, Environment  
Stan Nowak, Heritage  
Keith Sharp, Sports & Recreation  
Maria Antonakos  
Robert James  
Fiorigo Minelli  
Jeff Saunders  
Larry Button

**Regrets:** Phyllis Kraemer, Business  
Patti Cannon, Culture and Recreation

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

1. **Remarks from the Mayor, M.P., M.P.P., School Trustees – none.** As this was the initial meeting on the new Dundas Community Council, everyone was requested to provide introductory remarks about themselves.
- 2 **Previous Meeting Report**  
  
The report from the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting was received as circulated.  
Moved by Jeff Saunders, seconded by Bill Kennedy to accept the minutes as reported. Carried.
3. **Presentation – none scheduled** (next month the Dundas multi-residential tax group will attend,)
4. **Updates on Business from Previous Report**
5. **Information Items**
  - (a) **Sir William Osler Elementary School**  
The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board anticipates meeting its target date of November 12, after delays resulting from summer strikes. An environmental assessment is underway and City staff are starting to work toward a public meeting for the neighbourhood with regard to the possible installation of a round-a-bout. Technical work has begun on an overall traffic study for the Community of Dundas.

**(b) Dundas District Playfield**

The City of Hamilton has presented the School Board with an offer to purchase the 2.5 acre playfield across from Dundas District School, and it will be considered shortly. The offer was presented at the end of July. The School Board does not meet in July or August (end of Sept is next meeting). The School Board is reconsidering their procedures with regard to dispensing with surplus property.

**(c) Dundas Driving Park**

Next Tues (Sept 25th– 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lion's Memorial Community Centre.) a public open house will be held regarding the Dundas Driving Park Master Plan. Keith was part of the stakeholders group involved in plans for the renovations. The bandshell, washrooms, and concession booth will be incorporated into a single multi-function facility which will include changerooms and heated area for skaters. The double pavilion on Parkview Row will remain with a new roof, etc. The artificial outdoor skating rink will be kidney-shaped and will be constructed through the fundraising efforts of the Dundas Sunrise Rotary Club. The lower area will be the wading pool and splashpad area and will replace the current wading pool which services 17,000 users within the annual 14 week period of use.

Concerns were raised about the continuation of the “old” feel of the park. Russ assured everyone that efforts were being made to consider and wherever possible, incorporate the overall look and feel of the historic assets.

**(d) Bridge Repairs**

Two bridges in Dundas require maintenance: The Main Street bridge by the Shopper's Drug Mart plaza and the Thorpe Street Bridge, near Canadian Tire. The Thorpe St. bridge will have a secondary bridge to provide access for the neighbourhood while construction is underway. The Main St. bridge will close completely for about 10 days, requiring detours. Ongoing bridge maintenance work has been underway. Larry Button suggested that the advance green at South Street be lengthened to accommodate the increased traffic for the duration of the detours. They do not anticipate any interference with the creek during construction work.

**(e) Memorial Square**

Work is not complete. A message panel will be placed, along with 3 side panels depicting the history of Dundas, history of the memorial square, and a location map for significant location throughout the downtown area. Currently experiencing challenges to complete, Clr. Powers reported that he is hopeful that it will be completed soon.

The water fountain has been replaced, benches are installed, location and electrical for the annual Christmas tree is complete.

**(f) Dundas Tree Inventory**

Volunteers have contributed 2 to 3 hours per week within the area bounded by Park St., Albert/Princess Sts, Cross St and the Dundas Driving Park. Some private back yards were included and the project was very successful. Tree plantings will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Sanctuary Park. Bill Kennedy commented that he is concerned that, although we are taking care to plant new trees, we need to increase our maintenance work on existing trees (trimming and watering).

**(g) Community Council Taskforce**

The Mayor selected and appointed a task force in late spring and they anticipate reporting their finding to Council in late October or early November.

**(h) Wellness Week**

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, is Senior's Day and Wellness Week will be organized by the BIA from Sept. 21 through 29<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Community Reports from Members**

**(a) Arts and Culture – Patti Cannon**

**(b) Business – Phyllis Kraemer**

**(c) Environment – Bill Kennedy**

John Street/Spencer Creek erosion work was corrected last week - it looks good. Bill feels that Spencer Creek needs on-going monitoring by the agencies involved. Inventory is underway to determine who owns what along the creek and who's responsibility it is for care and clean-up. Clr. Powers reported that on-going responsiveness of staff is outstanding.

**(d) Heritage – Stan Nowak**

Sat 3 -6 Fundraiser Filman Road  
Annual Christmas Dinner, Sat. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> \$45  
Christmas Carol (reading the tale) – Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm in Dundas Town Hall Auditorium  
Historical Society speaker's series has started.

2008 Dundas Heritage Calendar is on sale \$17.00 each. Calendars will be available at various locations downtown.

**(e) Sports and Recreation – Keith Sharp**

Keith is putting together contact info for sports agencies in town.

**(f) Others**

**7. Other Issues/Questions:**

a) Gypsy moths: Cllr Powers requested Council to look at gypsy moth control and a detailed report is due in October, which he will bring to Community Council next month.

b) Bill Kennedy feels that an advanced green is required to turn left onto Main from Governor's/Dundas. Cllr. Powers has requested this among others and they will be considered during the Dundas Traffic Study.

c) Jeff Saunders questioned the changes to boundaries and wards

d) Bob James asked that we put public transportation in Dundas on the agenda in the future.

**8. Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Next meeting Wed, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by Bill Kennedy, seconded by Bob James.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Russ Powers  
Councillor**