



***Dundas Works and Wentworth Lodge Neighbourhood Meeting***

**WENTWORTH LODGE SURPLUS PUBLIC LAND**

*Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 Salvation Army - Draft Rev.1 - Jan 10th, 2020*

**Present:** James Chase, Scott Munro, Jeanne Norris, Michelle Chin, Jim Sweetman, Margot Carnahan, Tim Leslie, Bob James. **Regrets:** Wendie Duque, Deborah Boyd.

This was a follow up to meeting Tuesday, December 3rd 2019: Next steps

1. James C. has secured a delegation appointment with the City of Hamilton, General Issues Committee on Wednesday, January 15th at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Hamilton City Hall . Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. Michelle C will send an email to the DW email group regarding the delegation.

James' presentation will focus on:

1. Despite several meetings the public consultation has not been effective
  - a) evidence for that conclusion
  - b) reasons for the ineffectiveness
2. Some strategies on how to involve the neighbours and wider community better and why they should do so
2. Deborah B. to request meeting with councillor and Director of Housing - no new information available.
3. Wendie D. not present to share feedback from WLN and Wentworth Lodge Lands Facebook account regarding WLN opinions on combining with DW. WLN meeting this Sunday, January 12th at Legion, where more feedback may become available. If WLN would like to meet with DW in the future to discuss WL Lands or seek support, that would be welcome by DW.

Discussion Touch Points:

- WLN and DW approaches are somewhat varied at this point
  - may be beneficial for WLN and DW to work in parallel, not in unison, strength in two voices "in harmony, complementary", DW and Dundas Builds (DB) can support WLN
  - may be difficult finding WLN consensus on land use, although may be commonality in what is not desired i.e. more traffic, safety concerns, fewer trees, unattractive structures, street widening
4. DW ideas
- reiterated that this public land is opportunity for Hamilton to develop something eco-aware, supporting affordable housing, and also risk of selling to private sector, losing public asset and public control
  - would be helpful to know density targets, could range from 30-100 pph (people/jobs per hectare), WLL is approx 3.5 hectares
  - risk in rejecting City's proposal without articulating valid reasons i.e. safety, over-densification. Must allow reasonable proposals by City and/or give City reasonable proposals w.r.t. City needs to support affordable housing
  - 3"P"s: principles, parameters (limits), process could be framework for WLN to explore land use opportunities, identify biggest issues and possible planning goals