



dundas works: *a vision for our valley town*

Hello everyone,

We hope that this update finds you well.

Dundas Works has, like everyone else, has curtailed activities due to COVID-19. We had hoped to hold a round table event for Spring 2020, which was cancelled. In the meantime, facilitators Bob, Jim, Margot, Michelle and Tim have met over the pandemic months virtually and more recently 6 feet apart in the great outdoors to figure out ways to proceed. We would like to give you an update on where we are at present.

We do not expect to be able to hold a community round table in person until next spring, understanding that these days things can change rapidly and unexpectedly. We feel that the “magic” of the round tables had to do with the interpersonal face to face give-and-take of discussion. We five facilitators rapidly developed Zoom fatigue, we do not want to try a similar style larger community meeting at this time.

- Reporter Craig Campbell of the Dundas Star News has done a terrific job keeping us informed of what has been happening in Dundas, we encourage you to subscribe to www.hamiltoncommunitynews.com.
- Routine updates from our Ward 13 councillor are available to those on the e-mail roster, you can request to be added at <http://www.arlenevanderbeek.com/Pages/contact.html>.
- Be sure to check our Dundas Works Community Calendar for local events, initiatives and fundraisers: <https://www.dundasworks.com/community-calendar>

1. Dundas Works Public Forum: Online Discussion Thread

After our 10th Roundtable in February, we had planned to develop mission, goals and action items for Environment, Development and Democracy. In lieu of in-person groups, we created an online discussion forum in May, with the hope that it could be a repository for issues relevant to Dundas. The response to date has been minimal. If you have not yet taken a peek please log in to <https://dundasworks.wixsite.com/public-forum> and participate.

2. Dundas Public Spaces Inventory

We feel it would be a good time to update the public spaces map and compile an evergreen database of our local public spaces to hopefully identify any that are underutilized or in danger of being lost. If you would like to help with this project please contact us.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1iPMWg7UJ1LsGMZi1hygFXkyJ_5Y&usp=sharing

3. Dundas Builds: Update on Local Development

- The City has announced that they will compile an inventory of heritage buildings in Dundas. There are 633 pre-1900 buildings in Dundas, with more than 365 so far not inventoried. This move follows the outrage from tearing down a heritage building in Ancaster, and the subsequent good work by the Ancaster Village Heritage Committee. We have established contact with these folks, and can see working with them in the future.
<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10136981-dundas-built-heritage-inventory-to-address-hundreds-of-unrecorded-historic-structures/>
- The Canadian Tire lot is being cleaned up again: work had stopped for uncertain reasons.
<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10211307-dundas-cootes-drive-canadian-tire-demolition-moves-ahead/>
- The Tammy's property has been ok'd to go ahead, but there is no obvious movement to date.
- The Brock Street development is being advertised, but nothing has been approved through Council.
- The Dairy Queen lot sits idle.
- The Wentworth Lodge lands, as far as we know, have had nothing done to them.
- St. Augustine's School is constructing a daycare centre in its old library, to take care of 64 children (39 of whom are moving from Knox DayCare). There are community concerns about the school board's transparency, and safety concerns with the increased traffic on the surrounding roads..
<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10123399-dundas-st-augustine-elementary-school-neighbours-concerned-about-road-safety/>
- The Highway 8 hill reconstruction is on schedule, although there remain concerns about sidewalks through Greensville, as well as the lack of walking or cycling infrastructure on the hill itself. The hill now appears to be open.
<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10138400-dundas-highway-8-sidewalk-section-not-being-replaced/>
- Greensville School construction is continuing, after being paused for COVID.
<https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/2019/08/16/hamilton-school-board-gets-go-ahead-to-award-contract-for-greensville-elementary-school.html>
- Concerns have been raised about the proposal to intensify the use of The Sisters of St. Joseph Convent
<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10203915-dundas-organized-opposition-to-columbia-international-college-proposal-grows/>
- After an error in approving a building permit, Hamilton imposed an interim control bylaw on Dundas Pleasant View lands to prevent new development
<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10190291-hamilton-imposes-interim-control-bylaw-on-dundas-pleasant-view-lands-to-prevent-new-development/>
- There has been a suggestion that the long-awaited Dundas Secondary Plan consultation may start in the fall. This process will be facilitated by our city staff and

councillor.

<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10208331-dundas-node-study-november-virtual-meeting-possible/>

4. Dundas Rides: Update on Cycling Infrastructure - <https://dundasrides.ca/>

Dundas Rides was contacted by Craig Campbell to comment on some proposed cycling infrastructure projects that are not currently on the priority projects listing.

<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/10209389-dundas-market-street-bike-lane-stopping-short-of-hatt-street/?s=e>

There are many initiatives which call to us and hopefully to you as well. Please use our website, or email us if you hear of other things. Our plan as facilitators is to continue to meet monthly and use what means we have available to keep in touch.

As always, please stay safe, healthy, and be kind to others.

Sincerely,

Bob, Margot, Tim, Michelle and Jim (Group Facilitators)

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