Since its beginning in 1972, the Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) has had both strong leadership and a history of active civic engagement. In the 70s, it saved the historic Durand neighbourhood from the threat of real estate speculation, demolitions and high-rise construction. As a result, the DNA organized and fought uncontrolled development and demolitions and continues today to meet ongoing challenges.

Durand is a unique and historic neighbourhood, with its beauty, distinct character designated heritage districts, sites, thriving shops and restaurants. All of this makes it one of the most desirable neighbourhoods in Hamilton to live.

Our proud organization is regarded as a premier neighbourhood association and a role model for many newly formed ratepayer groups in Hamilton and elsewhere. For the DNA to continue to be a vital and integral part of the Durand and the City we must be able to identify and adapt to changing community needs and to enlist active citizen support and participation when needed.
The Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) established in 1972 is a politically independent community organization, chartered as a not-for-profit provincial corporation. We are financially self-supporting through annual membership dues and non-charitable contributions.

Our Vision
It is the DNA’s vision to be the model downtown community that protects heritage while creating a diverse, sustainable and vibrant future.

Our Mission
The Durand Neighbourhood Association’s mission is to be an active, resident-based voice that engages community members and advocates for neighbourhood priorities.

Who We Are

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What We’ve Done
Over the years, the DNA has participated in and supported a variety of projects and community issues, often partnering with other groups, outside agencies and organizations as well as the City. The DNA has made significant contributions to the following initiatives:

• Durand Park
• Durand Neighbourhood Plan 1987
• Heritage: Family Court House, Bank of Montreal, Sandyford Place, Central Public School, St Mark’s
• Neighbourhood Watch
• Durand Traffic Plan
• Ryerson Condominium and City Square Developments
• Durand-Markland and MacNab-Charles Heritage Conservations Districts
• Condominium Development at Bay and Robinson Streets
• Durand, A Neighbourhood Reclaimed and The Durand Chronicle (Russell Elman)
• Millennium Project Symposium Province-wide
• Founding Member of Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods of Ontario (F.U.N.)
• Durand Tour of Homes
• Picnics in the Park, Movie Nights and ice skating rink
• Return of play lot supervisor (Supie)

What We’re Doing

• Durand Park Revitalization 2015
• Heritage Conservation Districts for Durand
• Durand Park Celebration 2016
• Grand Durand Garden Tour 2016
• Secondary Plan to replace 1987 Neighbourhood Plan
• Neighbourhood beautification (Adopt-a Park, neighbourhood and Durand Park clean-ups)
• Community engagement (Annual General Meetings, Municipal All-Candidates Meetings, Movie Nights in the Park, Skating Rink, Special Public Meetings, Membership Drive --apartments, condominiums and residential homes)
• Heritage Advocacy for Durand’s built heritage both designated and non-designated (Conservation, Protection and Promotion): James Street Baptist Church/ 98 James South; 1 St. James Place; Charlton Hall
• Adaptive reuse of St Mark’s and preservation of green space (Whitehern Cultural Programming and Community Use)
• Support Property Standards By-laws and Municipal Law Enforcement
• Promote LRT and Complete Streets
• Address traffic issues with City Staff and Councillor
• Delegations at City meetings on Durand issues
• Communication (Website and Durander Newsletter)
• Representation on Superintendent’s Advisory Committee (Hamilton Police Services)
• Member of Ward 2 Community Council
• Representation on Hess Village Liaison Committee
• Representation on Ward 2 Participatory Budget
• Consultation with Ward Councillor and City Staff