

the durander

Newsletter of the Durand Neighbourhood Association

SUMMER 2016



The Durand Neighbourhood is the inner city district bounded by Main Street West, James Street South, the Escarpment and Queen Street South. It is home to approximately 12,000 Hamiltonians. The Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) was established in 1972 as a politically independent community organization and chartered as a not-for-profit Provincial Corporation. It is the DNA's vision to be the model downtown community that protects heritage while creating a diverse, sustainable and vibrant future. Please contact us at any time with questions, comments or concerns about the neighbourhood or if you are interested in volunteering, joining or renewing your membership.

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President's Remarks

Frances Murray

This issue of the Durander is the last for the 2015/2016 term. Thank you for your patience as I learn the ropes of the Presidency of this association. It's been busy! Your association has weighed in with City government on issues such as the bike lanes for Charlton and Herkimer, CIPA expansion (denied) and LRT to name a few. Property standards continues to be an issue, as well as heritage preservation. See this newsletter for the latest update on St. Mark's.

This issue a small one, but there is lots of information enclosed. Remember, if you have any questions or suggestions, please email president@durandna.com, and I'll be happy to reply.

Upcoming Events

Grand Durand Garden Tour – Saturday, June 18

If you have not already done so, purchase your tickets, either online or at one of the retailers listed in the advertisement. You won't want to miss this fabulous tour – we only organize the tour every three years, so it's a long wait in between.

Save the date: Movie Night in the Park – September 17

With a rain date of September 24

AGM – October 20

Location to be announced. The major topic will be Character Zoning, which your association continues to work on with Civic Plan.

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Council Votes Unanimously on St. Mark's!

Janice Brown

After 22 long years, the Durand Neighbourhood Association can finally close the file on the adaptive reuse of St. Mark's.

The following recommendations were approved unanimously at GIC June 1, 2016

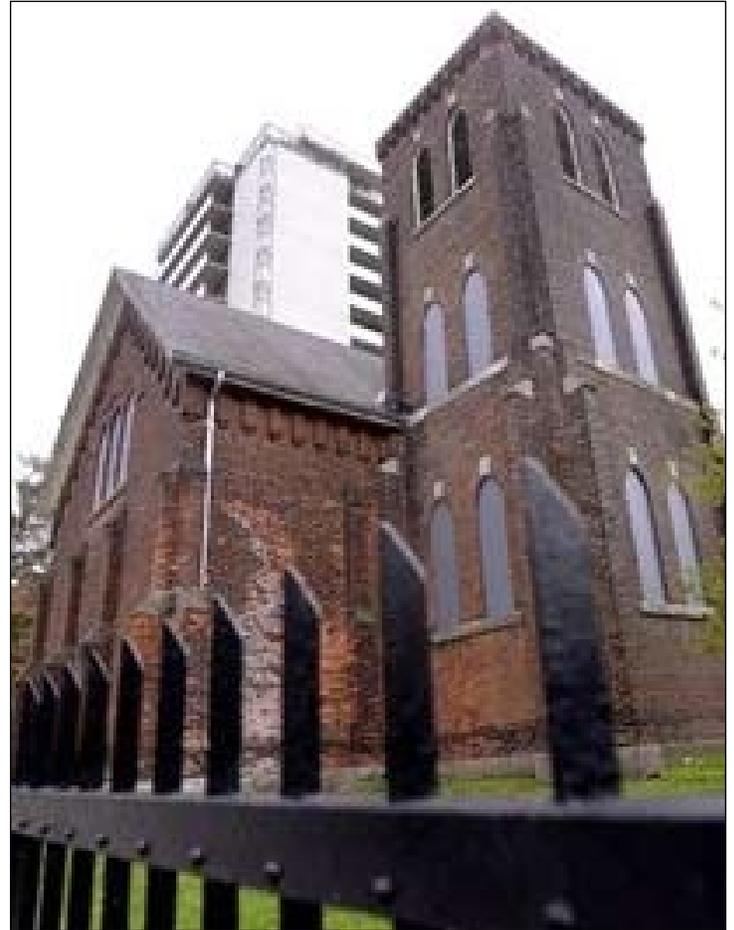
- That staff be directed to complete Phase 2 and 3 of the restoration of St Mark's by 2020 or sooner at an estimated cost of \$1.9 million;
- That staff be directed to continue the restoration of St. Mark's Phase 2 and 3 to be funded by the Tourism and Culture Capital block allocation in 2017 of \$500,000, in 2018 of \$500,000, in 2019, of \$500,000 and 2020 of \$400,000;
- That staff be directed to apply for any grants available to assist towards the restoration of St Mark's applicable and that any grants received would reduce the funding required in Recommendation by the Tourism and Culture Capital block allocation.

The DNA would like to thank the Culture and Tourism staff, Councillor Farr, Ward 2 Community Council, and the citizens of Hamilton who have all played an important role in advocating for the adaptive reuse of St. Mark's. See presentation here link: <http://www.durandna.com/history-and-heritage/st-marks-remarks-to-council-june-1-2016/>

For all who have been on this journey since 1988, the Association extends a sincere and grateful thank you. That includes former DNA members, Councillors and Staff. Without your tenacity and passion over the past 22 years, none of this would have been possible.

Our work now begins. The DNA, members and friends will play a very important role moving forward. We will look after the gardens and help with the ongoing activities that we be part of the programming. This was a promise made to Councillor Farr during the last four years of consultations with staff and Council. In closing, this would not have been possible without Councillor Farr and his resolve and support for the DNA and St Mark's.

WAY TO GO JASON!



Janice Brown leading a Jane's Walk May 8, had a selfie taken with the Pastor of Central Presbyterian, Dr. Greg Davidson. Central Presbyterian, one of our beautiful Durand churches, was hosting Doors Open on the same weekend. It was a beautiful day in the neighbourhood!

*The
Hidden Gardens*
of
Hamilton's Historic
Southwest



The Durand
Neighbourhood Association
presents the
**2016 GRAND
DURAND GARDEN
TOUR**

Saturday, June 18, 2016
10AM - 4PM (Rain or Shine)
ADVANCE TICKETS \$20.00

Please join us in discovering
11 beautiful private gardens of
the Durand neighbourhood
in Hamilton, Ontario

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