



MINUTES OF THE ANCASTER VILLAGE CORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 14, 2005

PRESENT: **Art Bowes** **Chairman**
 Frances Cheyne
 Gerry Fabbri
 Pauline Maue
 Allan Beattie
 Geoff Walker

ALSO PRESENT: **Murray Ferguson** **Councillor Ward 12**
 James Goodram **Planning & Development Dept.**
 Chuck Alkerton **Facilities**
 Bob and Marion Cunliffe

Art Bowes called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Art Bowes welcomed Committee members and guests to the meeting. This meeting is dedicated to discussions involving the Library Expansion as well as improvements to the grounds known as Ancaster Square.

Bob Cunliffe read a letter that he has drafted objecting to the sale of the former Town of Ancaster's Recreation Department office. He objects because it is part of Ancaster Square and therefore should be retained as part of the City real-estate portfolio. Councillor Ferguson stated that the property is problematic in that development options are restricted due to a Union Gas easement. The property is presently not used for any municipal purpose. Mr. Cunliffe also objects to the rezoning of the Hammill House.

Councillor Ferguson presented a slide show of pictures he took of the Ancaster Square property and buildings.

Dave Zimmer, Senior Landscape Architect, Downtown Renewal Division presented designs of numerous projects he is presently working on including BIA gateway projects.

Chuck Alkerton spoke to the Committee regarding the process for tendering the Library Expansion works which includes \$10,000 for landscaping. James Goodram advised that Downtown Renewal has approximately \$25,000 for landscaping works. Pauline Maue advised that the Garden Club could contribute \$4,000.

The Committee discussed what landscaping works should happen first. Following the discussion it was resolved that the Landscaping enhancements should be focussed around the Library and Municipal Buildings as a first priority. Pauline Maue was nominated as the Committee's representative with respect to this project and will work with the City in this regard. Further, it will be necessary for staff to obtain a proper survey including grading for the area surrounding the Library and Municipal Building.

Councillor Ferguson suggested that the building be renamed to perhaps the Wade Centre. The Committee supports the idea of naming the Centre once renovations have been completed.

2. New Business

a) Art Bowes advised that Jane Powell and Mark Del Cantero had resigned from the Committee and that he will work along with Councillor Ferguson to find qualified replacements.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Outdoor Pool.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.