## Dundas Community Council 60 Main Street, Dundas



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At a recent meeting of the Dundas Community Council, the following motion was approved unanimously and passed on to Councillor Powers for introduction of the matter at a Hamilton City Council meeting. As noted, there is an urgency needed as inaction will result in compounding impacts throughout our City.

DCC Motion for Impact Study of the Proposed Closure of Parkside High School, Dundas, ON

Moved by Bob James Seconded by Libby Toews

WHEREAS, a school is more than just a building for the provision of a formal education, and;

WHEREAS, Parkside High School has been a recognized institution, contributing to the quality of life in the Community of Dundas for more than fifty-five years, and;

WHEREAS, its closure, like other proposed school closures would have an effect on many aspects of community life, including the local economy, ready access for the youth of the community to an active park in central Dundas amongst many other concerns/issues, and;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario has identified a need for Healthy Communities, and a desire to maintain the overall well-being of its communities.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that our City Councillor, Russ Powers, request that the City of Hamilton initiate an Impact Study on the consequences of this proposed closure with the principles of the Impact Study to form the basis of a template for future like reviews in the City of Hamilton.

And that this be done with some urgency, given the stated desire of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to close this school along with others in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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