

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

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Committee: Planning Committee

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Reason(s) for delegation request: The citizens of Hamilton recognise Parkside Secondary School as a cultural icon. The citizens of Dundas recognise Parkside an important part of their town and as a character defining element of their community.

Hamilton City Council engineered the purchase of Parkside from the school board for the express purpose of turning the site into a cemetery, which satisfied some of the requirements of the City of Hamilton but did not serve the citizens of Dundas. We believe that the report of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee should be considered and that the REAL cost of the building and it's use as part of the cultural fabric of Dundas should be determined before any action is taken. We believe that the possibility of using the school as a school or adapting it as a cultural centre or even as housing should be considered before any other decisions are made. Parkside Secondary School was built and paid for by the citizens of Dundas Ontario yet those citizens have not been considered in its destruction. A school is a public building thus public involvement and agreement are vital. The hundreds of citizens who have signed petitions and presented options for the reuse of Parkside have been ignored. Those citizens who would like to save the school deserve a chance to be heard and listened to. We would like the demolition of the school be cancelled immediately.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes