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The residents of Stinson want their community to be litter free and properties to be maintained.

Our community has some beautiful examples of turn-of-the-century architecture. Let's show them off!

Keep your property looking its best by planting a front yard garden, mowing your lawn, trimming your trees, applying a new coat of paint, and clean up any litter from the curb to your back alley. (Back alleys have feelings too).

Be Proud Of Where You Live!

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The Stinson View

Your neighbourhood news magazine



It's Back!

STINSON NEIGHBOURHOOD YARD SALE!

The Eco-friendly way to recycle.

Saturday, June 08, 2013

Register with us for FREE. We'll advertise for you! We'll create a map of the neighbourhood with Yard Sale destinations and provide you with a Yard Sale sign!

Provide your name, address, contact number, and a two line description of what you will be selling before May 31st, 2013.

This is a great way to show off our neighbourhood and earn a little pocket money. *Please donate a portion back to your Community Association.*

Don't have yard space? Let us know that and we will arrange a Central "Market" area (if there is enough interest).

Contact: president@stinsoncommunity.ca



Be Kind To Our Parks!

STINSON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK CLEAN -UP!

Sunday, June 16, 2013

June is Recreation and Park's month.

Stinson Community Association has adopted both Carter Park located at Stinson St. and West Ave. and Bishop's Park located at East Ave. S. at Hunter St. E.

Please join us at either location starting at 1:00p.m. We will be providing gloves and garden tools to mulch around the trees, trim small bushes and give the Parks a clean sweep.

Contact: president@stinsoncommunity.ca for further information

467 CHARLTON AVE. E. DEVELOPMENT

The Committed to Responsible Escarpment Development Committee has sent the following letter to Councillor Jason Farr, the consultant for the owner Ed Fothergill and the Planning & Development Planner responsible for this application. Area residents are encouraged to submit their own concerns quoting the file numbers to the Planning and Development Committee Planner Cam Thomas.

The Committee has received a copy of the Niagara Escarpment Commissions report and recommendations dated Feb. 28, 2013. In their document the NEC states 'NEC staff has reviewed the current applications and cannot support approval of the applications' and 'recommends that the City of Hamilton **not approve** these planning applications'. The NEC further states, 'the cumulative impact or effect of new development on the 'landscape of the Escarpment' is a critical part of evaluating change particularly within an NEP urban landscape where the introduction of more built form has the potential to cumulatively result in serious detrimental effects. If you would like more information or a copy of the NEC letter to the City of Hamilton contact the committee at ctredstinson@hotmail.com or call Brenda Mitchell @ 905-527-8740.

Cam Thomas, City of Hamilton
 Planning & Economic Development Department
 71 Main Street West 5th Floor
 Hamilton, Ontario
 L8P 4Y5

RE: File No. OPA-12-021 and ZAC 12-059

Dear Sir,

The Charlton Avenue Responsible Escarpment Development Committee is a group of residents in the Stinson neighbourhood that are concerned about the proposed development at 467 Charlton Avenue East. These residents live on Emerald St. S., Blythe St., Alanson St., and Wentworth St. S. and have lived in the Stinson neighbourhood, length of time varying from 3 to 27 years, and reflect the population of this neighbourhood.

The committee hosted a public meeting about this proposal on Monday, March 25, 2013 at the local Recreation Centre. We invited the property owner, the consultant and Councillor Jason Farr to attend. Ed Fothergill (the consultant) gave an overview of the proposal. There were 55 residents in attendance with varying levels of concerns.

This property has unique and challenging issues that will test the proponents ability to responsibly insert a high density, multi storey residential development onto a property with a frontage of 1209' (City of Hamilton, Geographic Information Systems) and a depth of 73.46' (City of Hamilton, Geographic Information Systems) and has ESAs that are adjacent to Charlton Avenue within a mostly wooded area. The slope to the north (identified as owned by the NEC in the OMB decision of 2005) is a tree filled wildlife habitat along the Central Hamilton Rail Trail. The Niagara Escarpment is directly south, across Charlton Avenue.

The committee has reviewed the proponent's documentation and have also received the comments submitted by the NEC in their letter of February 28, 2013.

The concerns of area residents are, but not limited to, as follows:

- Escarpment protection
- View alteration
- Height of development
- Length of development
- Stability of Slope
- Set backs from Charlton Avenue
- Set backs from the edge of the north slope
- Unauthorized development of public lands on north slope
- Loss of trees and wildlife habitat
- Lighting of Escarpment impact on environment
- Noise pollution
- Potential resident Health & Safety issues
- Pedestrian safety
- Traffic and parking concerns

In consideration of the amount of neighbourhood interest, significant current resident impact, the impact to the environment and the future health and safety concerns for potential residents, we the residents impacted by this development can not support this development and recommend that the City of Hamilton deny these applications.

Committed to Responsible Escarpment Development Committee,

Maggie Day-Myron, Diane Girard, Matt Grande, Brenda Mitchell, Devon Mordell, Linda Quest

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OPERATION BIKE GUARD

Operation BIKE GUARD was created to assist the police in identifying the owner of found or stolen bicycles and to provide educational tips to the public regarding bicycle theft and safety.

Bicycle owners complete an Operation Bike Guard Registration Form and include a photograph of their bicycle. THE OWNER RETAINS THIS INFORMATION IN THE EVENT THEIR BICYCLE IS LOST OR STOLEN. If the bicycle is lost or stolen, the owner brings the completed registration information into the Hamilton Police Service.



THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

Store your bicycle in a safe location and use a locking device to attach it to a secure and fixed object. Also consider removing a tire or seat to discourage would-be thieves.

Record your bicycle make, model and serial number on the face of the Bicycle Registration envelope. This will assist to identify your bicycle should it ever be lost / stolen and recovered by police. Typically the serial number of your bicycle is on the frame under the shaft that houses the pedals. The Hamilton Police also have an engraver available at the Community Policing Centres that you can borrow to engrave a unique identifying mark on the frame of your bike.

If your bicycle is stolen, please visit the police station nearest you to file a stolen/lost bicycle report. Bring the Bicycle Registration envelope including the receipt and photo to the police station in order to assist in identifying your bike if or when it is located. The report must be filled out in person and an investigating officer will provide you with more details at that time.

For more information on OPERATION BIKE GUARD, contact the HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE CRIME PREVENTION BRANCH at 905-546-4900 or visit www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca

WOW! WE HAVE A NEW LOGO AND WEBSITE DESIGN!

After a review of 18 entries to our LOGO contest, we narrowed it down to 4 entries. Those 4 entries were put to a vote with comments at our April 11, 2013 General meeting. Our LOGO committee members reviewed all comments and created a composite of the final four designs. The result is a split design showcasing various Stinson architectural designs/landmarks in a streetscape caressed by the escarpment foliage. Below the streetscape is a stylized stamped "S" with our Community Association name. We can use all elements together or breakout certain details, such as the lettering, to produce letterhead, signs, banners, or novelty items. We are showing you the B&W version. Our colours are Brick, Black, and Green. The committee also designed a new banner for our improved website which will be live on-line June 1st! Be sure to check it out.



A very special thank you to the creators of the entries upon which the composite was designed: Maggie Day-Myron, Katherine Dymkowski, and Brian Goodman.

The streetscape idea against the escarpment back-drop was based on Maggie's design.

The wonderful team who amazingly put together all the ideas into one and recreated our website were:

Ralph Meiers, Lee McIlmoyle, Dawn McIlmoyle, Mike Montreuil, and Natasha Murphy.

Our revamped website goes LIVE

JUNE 1st!

www.stinsoncommunity.ca

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Participatory Budgeting – Ward 2 \$1 Million . Your ideas . You decide .

Participatory Budgeting (PB) gives you and your neighbours the power to reshape the places where you live, work, and play.

Residents of Ward 2 like you can directly determine how to spend a \$1 million City budget.

How does it work?

May-July: First round of Neighbourhood Assemblies

You and your neighbours will meet, share ideas, and develop some ideas into proposals. You will then choose which proposals will go on a ballot. Then you will elect a delegate.

July – August: Compromise round

In this round, all the delegates from across the Ward will meet and share proposals from their neighbourhood assemblies. They will choose a set of proposals that fits the \$1 million budget. This is the “compromise budget”. It is only a recommendation on how to vote.

August: Second round of Neighbourhood Assemblies

To wrap things up, you and your neighbours will meet again and your delegate will explain the compromise budget.

August 24 & 25: VOTE!

A polling station will be set up in your neighbourhood. The ballot will list the proposals from all the neighbourhood assemblies. You can vote for the compromise budget, or choose a different set of proposals. And then we celebrate!

Meetings are Wednesday nights, 7:30-9pm at the Central Memorial Recreation Centre located at 93 West Ave. S. at the corner of Stinson St. This is your chance for change. The more residents who participate, the greater the chance to have a proposal move forward! Don't worry if you have missed a workshop, you are welcome to drop in as per the schedule below:

May 8: Orientation meeting

May 15: Project workshop

May 22: Project workshop

May 29: Project workshop

June 5: Final project workshop

June 5-26: City staff reviews projects (assemblies do not meet during this time)

June 26: Select projects, elect a delegate

June 26-August 7: Delegate negotiations (assemblies do not meet during this time)

August 7: Debrief negotiations, submit late projects

August 14: Elections

August 24&25: VOTE!



For more information: Visit www.pbhamont.ca

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Waste Pick-up Changes

Trash tags for extra garbage

A trash tag is a long, narrow sticker that is to be used on extra bags or cans of garbage (above the one container limit). The purpose of the trash tag is to replace amnesty weeks, which occurred in previous years. Trash tags can be used on extra garbage any week of the year.

Each household gets 12 trash tags in the mail in March along with the City's 2013 Garbage and Recycling Guide. Each household can also request 14 more trash tags **once per year**. There is no fee for ordering trash tags.

Once you have ordered 14 more trash tags, you will not be eligible to order more trash tags until the following year. All trash tags (mailed or ordered) will be good for one year, from April to March. All trash tags will expire at the end of March each year and you will receive a new set of tags in the mail each year.

Do not put a trash tag on your first bag or container of garbage. If you need to put out more garbage above the one container limit, you must attach a trash tag to each **extra** garbage bag or container. Remove a trash tag from the piece of paper it came on and stick it on your extra container of garbage using the sticky adhesive backing. You can attach the trash tag around the neck of each extra garbage bag (preferred), or stick it on the item at the top of your garbage can. Do not put the tag on your garbage can itself. Trash tags must be visible to collectors.

Trash tags are for curbside garbage pick up only and can not be used at a Community Recycling Centre. Trash tags are not transferrable - you can not use your neighbours trash tags, and your neighbour can not use yours.

Blue box and green bin

Nothing is changing to blue box and green bin pick up. Both programs remain the same. You can now use a bigger blue box for your recyclables.

Yard waste

For yard waste, you can now put out as much yard waste as you would like all year round on your scheduled pick up day. This is a change from the current / previous schedule of every-other-week pick up during the Spring and Fall. Knowing whether you live in a purple zone or a yellow zone (as indicated on last year's pick up calendar) is no longer necessary. You do not need tags for your yard waste bags.

Place yard waste at the curb using one of the following:

- Open top reusable rigid containers (bins or baskets). Cardboard boxes and recycling boxes are not acceptable containers for leaf and yard waste.
- Paper yard waste bags, purchased from local retailers. Tops must be rolled shut to keep contents dry.
- Bundles (for brush & twigs) - brush should be tied in bundles no longer than 1.2m (4ft) and .75m (2.5ft) in diameter. Individual branches must not exceed 7cm (2.5in) in diameter.
- Each container or bundle must not weigh more than 23kg (50lbs).

Bulk

You can now schedule a bulk pick up on any week of the year. To schedule a bulk pick up, call 905-546-CITY (2489) **at least one week** before you want your big garbage picked up. You can put out up to four (4) items each time you call to book a bulk pick up.

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Attention residents of ERIE AVE.—ERIE AVENUE PARKING PETITION

An inquiry respecting parking concerns on Erie Ave has been brought forth to City Council. When considering changes to parking regulations on residential streets, City Council requires a completion of a petition that requires a minimum of two-thirds(66%) of the abutting residents residing in a one, two and three family dwelling to be contacted and given an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the proposed change in the parking regulations.

With a "Parking Time Limit", regulation, the means of control would be as follows:

Where parking is permitted, it would be restricted to a two hour limit. Residents of one, two and three family homes in the area may apply for permits **to exempt their vehicles** from signed parking time limit. This regulation does not guarantee the residents a parking space, but reduces parking in the area by non-residents. Residents of the area who purchase parking permits are exempt from any time limit regulation on any street within that area.

The universal twelve hour parking time limit continues to apply to permit holders.

The permits are available at a charge of \$77.08 plus HST .per year per vehicle, payable in advance on a yearly basis. Residents are entitled to purchase a permit for each vehicle which they own.

Your street representative, Katherine Dymkowski, will be contacting ERIE AVE residents with this petition, door to door, within the month of June.

Don't Just Live Here! Celebrate. Participate

We know you love living in Stinson. And we know you want to make it a preferred downtown location. The Stinson Community Association is currently involved in a five-year neighbourhood plan. We have six active committees formed with volunteer Stinson residents. These are not closed committees, you can join in and help at any time. After all, this is YOUR neighbourhood.

But, we have other Action Points that have not yet started up as an active committee. And, we organize neighbourhood events like the Easter Egg Hunt, neighbourhood clean-ups, music in the park, information nights, and more.

None of these activities could happen unless there are volunteers to help.

What about you? Maybe you have a great idea about something and would like to see it happen in Stinson? Maybe you could spare an hour to help set up or tear down an event? How about keeping your street free of litter and graffiti? Our neighbourhood doesn't magically take care of itself. It needs someone like you.

Whether you have lived here for many years or a new resident of Stinson, take a walk around the neighbourhood, come to one of our General meetings, lend a helping hand.

Below are some of the actions we are committed to. We know that at least one of them is something you would like to help with. Come celebrate your neighbourhood. Be a part of history. All it takes is your helping hand and mind to make great things happen. Don't be shy. We didn't know each other once upon a time and are now like a big family. Contact president@stinsoncommunity.ca (Brian Goodman) and share your thoughts. We look forward to meeting you.

- Creating a "civic square" at the Carter Park and Central Memorial Recreation Centre sites
- Improving the look, feel, and use of Carter Park
- Plantings in Carter Park and Bishops Park
- Community Garden
- Art Mural projects
- Anti-graffiti task force
- A leash-free dog park
- Addressing garbage and litter issues
- Improving property standards
- Signage at key Stinson entry ways
- Neighbourhood history
- Improve pedestrian safety and enjoyment through design
- Engage neighbours
- Engage and support youth through sport, leisure, life skills, and education
- Address poverty and housing issues
- Engage our neighbours in Residential Care Facilities
- Build relationships with local businesses
- Organize and/or help with neighbourhood events

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CENTRAL MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTRE NEWS

Please contact our Centre directly at **905-546-4939** or **come visit and pick up a catalogue** . Visit us at 93 West Avenue South or on the web at: www.hamilton.ca/CultureandRecreation/

There are plenty of FREE programs going on right now at the Central Memorial Recreation Centre. Here is our GYM schedule:



Central Memorial Recreation Centre
93 West Avenue South
905-546-4939

SPRING GYM SCHEDULE



April 8th, 2013 – June 10th, 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Knitting (18+) 10:00-12:00 pm FREE	Preschool Gym 9:30-10:30am FREE	Walking Program (18+) 9:30-11:00am FREE	Kindergym 10:30-11:00am FREE	Zumba (18+) 1:00-2:00pm \$2.00 admission	Knitting (18+) 11:00-1:00 pm FREE	
Walking Program (18+) 11:00-12:00pm FREE	Boot Camp (18+) 10:30-11:30am \$2.00 admission	Zumba Gold (50+) 11:00-12:00pm \$2.00 admission	Crochet (18+) 10:00-12:00pm FREE	Basketball (18+) 11:30-1:00pm	Seniors Bridge (55+) 12:00-4:00pm	
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Crafts (6-12yrs) 4:00-5:00pm FREE	Sports (6-12yrs) 3:30-4:30pm FREE	Kick Fit (18+) 1:00-2:00pm \$2.00 admission	Board Games (6-12yrs) 3:30-5:00pm FREE	Teen Gym (13-17yrs) 8:00-9:30pm FREE	Open Gym (6-13yrs) 2:30-3:30pm FREE Starts April 27th	
Family Gym 4:30-5:30pm	Crafts (6-12yrs) 3:30-5:00pm FREE	Science (6-12yrs) 3:30-5:00pm FREE	Zumbatonic (9-12yrs) 4:00-5:00pm FREE			
Open Gym (6-13yrs) 5:30-6:45pm	Badminton (16+) 7:30-9:30pm	Knitting (18+) 7:00-9:00 pm FREE	Youth Gym (6-12yrs) 6:00-7:00pm			
		Soccer (35+) 8:00-9:30pm Last day May 15th				

ADMISSION

There are no programs on Monday May 20th, 2013 due to Victoria Day

RATE	DAILY	YEARLY
YOUTH (under 18 years)	\$2.85	\$38.50
ADULT (over 18 years)	\$4.20	\$94.00
SENIOR (over 55 years)	\$2.85	\$38.50
FAMILY (max. 2 adults)	\$8.10	\$137.75

Recreation Fee Assistance Program—Contact us for further information and forms.

Who is eligible? Families and individuals living in Hamilton, below the Low-Income Cut Off (LICO) level.

What is available? Fee assistance is available for families with dependants under the age of 18 and adults/seniors.

For Families:

A free recreation centre Family pass

\$150.00 per child to be used towards City of Hamilton delivered recreation programs for a 12 month period

50% discount, to a maximum of \$100.00 annually per child, towards house league registration fees with minor sports affiliate organizations that use City of Hamilton recreation facilities.

Reduced weekly fees for Camp Kidaca for up to 3 weeks.

For Adults/Seniors:

75% off a yearly Participation Pass OR 50% off a yearly Waterfit Pass.



The Escarpment Village Of Stinson

Young at heart. Graceful with age.

Stinson Community Association
c/o Central Memorial Recreation Centre
93 West Ave. S
Hamilton, ON L8N 1S1

E-mail: president@stinsoncommunity.ca

Visit our Website!

www.stinsoncommunity.ca

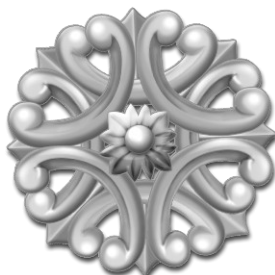
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president@stinsoncommunity.ca Ask for details.

Please attend our next
General Meeting:
Thursday, June 13, 2013

Central Memorial
Recreation Centre
93 West Ave. S. @ Stinson

Start time is 7:00pm.



About This Magazine

This issue was prepared by the President of the Stinson Community Association, Brian Goodman and contributors; CTRED, and Katherine Dymkowski.

We encourage you to submit a Stinson story or poem to us related to her history, a current event, or on a specific topic. All submissions are subject to editing.

We will be printing limited numbers for distribution and encourage you to spread the word to obtain a copy online from our website: www.stinsoncommunity.ca

Community Watch

Are you the victim of crime? Is your quality of life suffering because of the actions of your neighbours, the person living upstairs, drug activity in your neighbourhood? If so, take some action.

For any illegal activity in progress, call 911

For ongoing suspicious activity, try to maintain a log of times, dates, descriptions, etc. Contact our Area Crime Manager, Sgt. Burbidge at 905.540.5093 or call the Police via the non-emergency number of 905.546.4925. Always get an Incident number for follow-up.

Have other neighbours or witnesses call too. The more incident reporting for an address will result in more action by the Police.

If you want anonymity, call Hamilton CrimeStoppers at 1.800.222.TIPS (8477)

Tried all of the above and still no action, contact president@stinsoncommunity.ca. We will arrange for a problem solving consultation directly with a Hamilton Police Officer.

Upcoming Events

June 08th—Stinson Neighbourhood Yard Sale

**June 13th—Stinson Community Association General Meeting.
Central Memorial Rec. Centre at 7:00pm**

June 16th—Park's month. Come to Carter Park or Bishop's Park to help clean, mulch, and garden.

June 22nd—Neighbourhood appreciation at Carter Park. Games, food, Information booths, and other surprises.

July 04 to August 22—Songs From The Bishop. Free musical entertainment at Bishop's Park every Thursday evening at 7:30pm.

Visit our website for updated information on all events!

www.stinsoncommunity.ca

Where did Thomas Stinson live?

Stinson, Thomas. Born 1798 Co. Monaghan, Ireland. Died 1864 Hamilton.

The Stinsons moved to Hamilton in 1830 and established a dry goods, grocery, hardware and crockery business on King Street East in the "Stinson Block", the first brick business block in Hamilton. In 1831 he established a branch store in Dundas, Ontario.

He was an extensive landowner not only in Hamilton, Ontario but as well as Chicago, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Superior City, Wisconsin, which he named.

Stinson also established the Stinson Bank in 1847 on the corner of James and King William Street in Hamilton. It lasted until 1900.

The Stinson neighbourhood was named after him. It is bounded by Main Street East (north), Charlton Avenue East (south), Victoria Avenue South (west) and Wentworth Street South (east).

Our question to you is, "Where did Thomas Stinson live in Hamilton?" Send your response to president@stinsoncommunity.ca