

Almonte Downtown Development Proposal - Gordon Pike

Mr. Pike presented his proposal to take ordinary buildings in downtown Almonte and make them extraordinary. He reviewed pictures of stores in Balderson, his former grocery store and store fronts in downtown Almonte to illustrate his point. He spoke about his desire to give into this community and wanting to make a final statement.

He showed the schematic plans as prepared by Peter Mansfield for the Heritage Market Court including the old V&S Options and Heritage Square building; a 16,000 sq feet of development. He believes it could be a "tipping point" to make the downtown strong and vibrant.

He requested Council's support in having the hydro lines and transformer relocated. Other items he recommended to Council were:

- develop an overall vision/plan for the downtown core
- address parking issues
- signage- detailed direction to downtown core .
- Naismiths statue in downtown core
- fast track building process
- allocate resources- cleanup beautification

After his presentation, Mayor Lunney afforded an opportunity for members of Council to ask questions. After all the questions were answered, Mayor Lunney thanked Mr. Pike for coming.

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