

Dundas Again Campaign—June 2003 Update

About The Campaign

In 2001 the provincial government forced Dundas to amalgamate with Hamilton, despite election promises made to the contrary and despite overwhelming opposition from the citizens of Dundas. Amalgamation has not delivered the promised tax cuts and service improvements, quite the contrary. Faced with a worsening situation, concerned local citizens began to organize a de-amalgamation campaign in May of 2003, the Dundas Again Campaign. Our goal is to pursue the de-amalgamation of Dundas in order to restore local democratic government. We aim to channel popular discontent into effective political action. We invite you to join us.

How You Can Help

1. Wear a yellow ribbon or display one on your front door, mailbox or fence.
2. Help us collect signatures for the de-amalgamation petition. Contact Stan Nowak, basil.cottage@sympatico.ca or 905-627-8832 to volunteer.
3. Make your views known. Write, call, e-mail or fax local papers and elected representatives. Full contact information is available on our website, www.DundasAgain.ca.
4. Ask for a clear de-amalgamation commitment from candidates in upcoming municipal and provincial elections.
5. Make a contribution to help finance the campaign. Cheques should be made out to “Dundas Again Campaign” and dropped off or mailed c/o David Longo, 188 Melville St., Dundas, L9H 2B1.

Keep In Touch

Look for announcements of upcoming events in the Dundas Star or visit our website, www.DundasAgain.ca. Questions or suggestions can be addressed to David Longo, 905-628-5983 or e-mailed to info@DundasAgain.ca.

Top Ten Reasons For De-amalgamation

1. Respect the express wishes of an overwhelming majority of Dundas citizens
2. Reduce the democracy deficit: restore accountable, accessible representation
3. Reclaim the arbitrarily-revoked 154-year-old town charter, symbol of our community's proud history
4. Human-scale communities enhance our sense of identity and psychological well-being
5. We are **not** a “suburb” of Hamilton, rather a viable, independent municipality
6. The best decisions are made by those who have to live with the results: 9 councillors working on our behalf are better than 1
7. Would Dundas town planners have agreed to pave paradise to put up a parking lot?
8. It will cost us less to get out now than to pay Hamilton's projected tax increases for years to come
9. Return to pre-amalgamation service levels: community-based policing, a local fire department, even Fall leaf pickup and efficient snow removal
10. Feel like forking over tax dollars to build the Red Hill Creek Expressway, service new development in Meadowlands East, or pay to clean up Hamilton's neglected core? Sure hope your pockets are deep!