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Dundasians drive effort to restore old theatre

Two men formed corporation to make purchase offer

By Craig Campbell
News Staff

One day after Fred Fuchs and Bob Crockford, both of Dundas, formed the nonprofit Westdale Cinema Group with a plan to acquire and restore the historic theatre, they heard an offer had just been made.

The pressure was on, and the group's board — which also includes Jeremy Freiburger of Cobalt Connects and Graham Crawford — had to act fast and make its offer.

Protecting the structure

Outside the theatre last week, Fuchs said the first offer did not appear to be from someone interested in protecting the structure and using it as a theatre.

"This is a project that has to happen," Fuchs said, adding the his group has a deal with the current owner and will complete its due diligence on Feb. 28, aiming to close the sale at the end of April.

"Too many of these theatres have been chopped up," he said.

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Osler wins team title

High jumper Bradley King and his team from Sir William Osler took the elementary school team title at this year's Hamilton Indoor Track and Field Championships. Bradley finished third in the senior boys high jump. More photos on page 29. | Photo by Gord Bowes

Car wash conversion on hold

Applicant apparently considering expansion of structure.

By Craig Campbell
News Staff

A proposal to convert a vacant one-storey Hatt Street car wash into an eye doctor's office has been on hold for more than five months despite city planning staff support for the original plan, because the applicant is apparently consider-

ing expansion of the structure.

Dr. Dalia Eino, an ophthalmologist who operates an office with Dr. Keith Mann on King Street West in Dundas, bought the former Dundas Coin Car Wash on Hatt Street three years ago for \$755,000. The structure had already been vacant and unused for at least three years prior to the

sale.

Shortly after purchasing the site, Eino said the property would allow her and Mann to expand their current practice.

"It's the accessibility that we like," Eino said at the time. "It's a beautiful area there too, with the creek behind it."

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