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To our esteemed council,

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge a topic that you have all heard and no doubt discussed over the last few years and it is the Olde Town Hall. In these times it would seem trivial almost to worry about this as there are indeed more seemingly pressing issues but I'd like you to stop for a moment and consider Dundalk's bigger picture. Southgate's possible bridge, if you will?!

Dundalk has always struggled, in my mind, to capture people's interest. It just doesn't have it's "thing". However, I think they might be sitting on it.

Dundalk has changed dramatically in recent years mostly due to the surge of new homes people looking for country life, and a more affordable way of living. With that said comes many new faces, cultures and opportunities as a community.

This, to me, is the perfect chance for Dundalk to capitalize. The Olde Town Hall can be a connection for the "I have always lived here and the I've just arrived". How progressive would it be to have small town, rural Southgate learning, celebrating and understanding new cultures, traditions all the while preserving and sharing their own through various forms of entertainment?

It's my understanding that the support from the western section of the municipality Holstein and area extending to outside of Mount Forest isn't positive or non existent. To a certain degree I'm sure this is true. Sadly, many still view each section prior to amalgamation separately and always on the short end of the stick. As you all know each area is special (especially that Proton area where I fondly grew up lol). Also as we know they aren't comparable so the comprehensive approach works best.

Dundalk is our metropolis and if we don't feed it it won't grow. We have a building that has seen many days but still has an opportunity to shine. It will most definitely be an uphill battle but not one not worth trying.

I do hope you consider the thoughts from one of the western Southgaters. Thank you for your time.

Regards,  
Cathy Lewis