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**Clr. Russ Powers' column for the Dec 25th, 2009
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Notwithstanding your faith, we all make that extra effort to get together and celebrate this special time of year and to be grateful for and understanding of everything that has transpired in the past year. I want to personally wish all of you, a very 'Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year' as we head towards 2010.

Were you able to get to the J.L.Grightmire/Market Street Arena on Saturday, Dec 12th? ...if not, you missed the party of this year! Over the short period of four hours, more than 1,500 Dundasians (and want-to-be Dundasians) found their way to our Dundas HockeyVille Rally. Special thanks go to Leslie and Dave Watson and Barry Forth for organizing efforts to have Dundas proclaimed CBC's Kraft HockeyVille. Thanks to participation by the Hamilton Bulldogs, the Kevin MacLean Band, the Dundas Lions Club and the Dundas Sunrise Rotary Club. Keep in touch with ongoing updates by regularly visiting www.dundashockeyville.ca. PS: The 'Gotta Be Dundas' jersey/hat combo at \$20 makes a great stocking stuffer.

...and while thinking about ice, the Rotary Skating Rink in the Dundas Driving Park is now operational. A helpful modification has been made by the Sunrise Rotary Club through the installation of 'rubberized' carpet in the pathways. Also, the food concession is now open daily from 10 am – 10 pm (weather permitting).

Thus far (at the time of writing), we have been spared from the true potential of winter, however it ultimately will arrive. City of Hamilton Bylaw No. 93-296 requires the occupants and owners of all homes, buildings and properties

throughout the city to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their properties within 24 hours of the cessation of a snowfall. Failure to do so will result in the city staff clearing the offending sidewalk and levying a fine and staff costs.

On Saturday, Dec 26th, try out your new skates (and your Dundas HockeyVille jersey) at my annual Boxing Day Skate at the J.L.Grightmire/Market Street Arena. The Parents & Tots Skate (skating aides are allowed) is from 1 – 2 pm followed by a Public Skate from 2 – 4 pm. Admission is free!

The next Dundas Community Council meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre, 60 Main Street.