

**Clr. Russ Powers column for the May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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After a 2 year, 8 month wait, the new traffic interchange at York Road and Hwy #6, a project of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) should be operational and life can start to return to normal for the residents on Atkinson, Maryvale, Northcliffe, York and Zellens. I thank them all for their patience and now they will get their enclave returned to them after it's been reconditioned.

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Dundas Community Services and the Salvation Army would greatly appreciate whatever time and assistance that you can give them on the morning of Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to help collect and/or sort food products...just come to their location at King St West and John St in downtown Dundas anytime after 9 am. Demand has increased with our challenging economic times and without your support the foodbank shelves will be empty, come summer. Please ensure that any personal care and non-perishable food items or baby products are out at your front door by 9 am.

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The Dundas International BuskerFest will soon be upon on the June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> weekend and as we all know, this event doesn't happen by chance. If you are available to volunteer for all or part of the weekend, please contact Anne Rae by email at [anne.rae@sympatico.ca](mailto:anne.rae@sympatico.ca) or call her at 905.648.7656.

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City Council has approved an enhanced parking exemption developed by Councillors Morelli, Pasuta and myself to recognize the contributions of our military veterans residing in Hamilton who have attained the age of 60 years and have obtained and affixed to their vehicle, a valid Ontario veteran licence plate.

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Construction season will start soon and with it comes some inconvenience but all for the good. A number of projects are being finalized and will shortly be available for your viewing on my webpage [www.russpowers.com](http://www.russpowers.com) . The city has applied for funding from the federal and provincial governments' "Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF)" for a number of 2010 Dundas projects including a \$2.1M rebuild of King St from York to Market, a \$2M rebuild of York Rd from Valley Rd to Hwy #6 and construction of the Governors Rd roundabout.

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As an element of the Dundas Driving Park renewal, the introduction of additional pieces of "public art" is contemplated within the coming year. A focus group met recently to consider various options and will outline their ideas on the evening of Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the auditorium of the Dundas Town Hall and seek public comment.