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**Clr Russ Powers' column for the Nov 25th
edition of the Dundas Star News.**

Tomorrow evening (Nov 26th), I invite you (and your family) to attend a Dundas tradition by joining me at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Memorial Square in Downtown Dundas. The event is jointly hosted by the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Dundas BIA. The Dundas Concert Band will kick off the evening at 7 pm followed by caroling with the actual tree lighting at 7:30 pm and the arrival of Santa. This event is the start of a 'Dickens of a Christmas' in downtown Dundas...visit the BIA website at www.downtowndundas.ca for a detailed schedule. Also visit University Plaza for their planned activities.

From now through Dec 24th inclusive, parking is free in Downtown Dundas but ONLY in the off-street municipal parking lots (on-street metered parking is maintained). This provides you adequate time to complete your seasonal shopping at our shops.

Soon (weather permitting), the Dundas Rotary Skating Rink in the Dundas Driving Park will be prepared for winter usage with (hopefully) skating to start during the week of Dec 7th.

If you or your group are in need of my 'Dundas Sing-a-long' (Christmas carol) songbooks, please drop by the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (old town hall), 60 Main St, Dundas during regular office hours (8:30 AM – 4:30 PM) and pick up whatever you need.

The term of the 2006 – 2010 Dundas Community Council (DCC) has come to an end and I wish to thank its members; Maria Antonakos, Larry Button, Patti Cannon, Bob James, Bill Kennedy, Phyllis Kraemer, Fiorgio Minelli, Stan Nowak, Jeff Saunders, Keith Sharp and Libby Toews for their commitment and active participation...I'm indebted to all of them for the invaluable assistance that they provided to me.

If you're interested in being considered as a member-at-large for the 2010 – 2014 DCC, please watch for the ad in next week's (Dec 2nd) edition of the Dundas Star News outlining the process for making application.

Thank you for your overwhelming support in re-electing me in the recent municipal elections to continue to serve as Dundas' representative on Hamilton City Council. Don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 905-546-2424, Extn 2714 or by email at rpowers@hamilton.ca .