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**Clr. Russ Powers' column
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Winter was certainly present on Nov 30th as more than 250 residents celebrated the arrival of St Nick by fire truck and the lighting of our Community Christmas Tree in Memorial Square. Thank you once again to the Downtown Dundas BIA and the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce for organizing this annual event. At this time and all year round, please support our businesses in the Downtown Dundas BIA, East and West Merchants and University Plaza areas and SHOP DUNDAS.

With the festive season upon us, my wife, Linda and I wish you and your families, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

On Boxing Day (Thurs, Dec 26th), I am pleased to sponsor free skating at the J. L. Grighmire Arena, 25 Market St S with Parents & Tots (with aids) skating from 1-2pm followed by Public Skating from 2-4pm. This is a perfect opportunity for you and your family to try out your new skates.

Congratulations to Dundas resident, John Fanning as the winner of the 2007 Arts Hamilton Award in the musical category. Thank you to Patti Cannon and Arthur Greenblatt for their continued leadership in hosting and organizing these annual awards with the support of the City's Culture Division.

Also, congratulations are extended to Dundas residents, Allen and Doreen Whyte, as recipients of a Gold Box Reward for their significant waste reduction. A voluntary audit of their curbside waste determined that their household had diverted 78% of their waste from the city's landfill. Thank you for your efforts as we all work together to divert as much as possible and continue to let Dundas lead the way for all other communities.

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