

**DSN column for February 2008**  
**by Clr. Russ Powers**

With winter still upon, please help out by ensuring that all catch basins on your street are kept clear of snow and ice to handle any runoff, that overhead ice is knocked down from eaves troughs and that fire hydrants are dugout to assist in timely emergency response. Also check on any elderly and invalids in your neighbourhood and offer assistance.

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The Downtown Dundas BIA area was well decorated for their Valentine's Day promotion. Participating store displays and décor were judged with Gray's Florist, Coco Tea Co. and Holly Dolly Originals being selected as the winners...we all look forward to the St Patrick's Day and/or Easter displays.

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Despite the stormy weather on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, more than 60 shopkeepers came out for the Downtown Dundas BIA's Annual General Meeting to hear reports for year-ending 2007 and plans for 2008. Hats off to Past-Chair Jim Watson, current Chair Phyllis Kraemer and the Board of Directors for their hard work.

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Last Friday evening, the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association honoured individuals or groups who have enriched our community through their volunteer work in historical or heritage sites or organizations. The Dundas Museum & Archives nominated Maggie Hunter and Muriel Gibow and the Dundas Valley Historical Society nominated Stan Nowak. Congratulations to these recipients.

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Hamilton Community News will be seeking the public's input in selecting winners of the 2008 Readers' Choice Awards. A number of Dundas businesses, services and events have been nominated so check out the special section in today's Dundas Star News and select your favourites by voting online at [www.hamiltonreaderschoice.ca](http://www.hamiltonreaderschoice.ca) between Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Take a trip through the Dundas Driving Park at regular intervals over the next ten months and you will see how work is progressing on renewal of the park's core. Demolition of the band shell, washrooms and concession booth and site grading is about to happen. Expect to be skating on the Rotary Skating Rink by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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A working group of technical staff from the Hamilton and Halton Conservation Authorities, the RBG, the Cities of Hamilton and Burlington, the Region of Halton and the Ministry of Natural Resources have been monitoring gypsy moth egg masses throughout the winter and will recommend any action. The City of Hamilton has earmarked \$350K for an aerial spray, if required.

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Get out to the J.L. Grightmire Memorial Arena to support and root on our Dundas Blues "Junior C's" and the Dundas Real McCoys "Senior A's" as they advance to the semi-finals in their respective leagues.