

Did you know that July 28th, 2007 is the 160th anniversary of the official incorporation of the Town of Dundas.

I wish to extend congratulations to both the Downtown Dundas BIA on their Dundas International BuskerFest and also to the Dundas Central Public School 150th anniversary organizing committee. Neither of these events would have enjoyed their successes if it were not for the extraordinary efforts of all of the volunteers who donated their time and skills to make them happen.

A timely visit to the old Dundas Town Hall will give you the opportunity to witness and experience the completion of repairs to the cupola clock on the top of the building in addition to the reactivation of the chimes.

If you think that the grass-cutting of municipal property in Dundas and surrounding areas has been pretty shoddy this year, I fully agree with you and have been complaining to city staff on a daily basis. The contractor who was hired to provide the service in our area has failed to deliver and has been terminated, a new one has been engaged and we're now into catch-up mode.

If you have an interest in serving on the Dundas Community Council, I would welcome your expression of interest by the end of

this month. Please refer to page 2 in last week's DSN or my webpage for additional information.

July 1st is shaping up to be a busy time as usual as we celebrate Canada's 140th birthday with the annual Dundas Rotary Club's pancake breakfast in the Dundas Driving Park followed later by the Greensville Optimist Club's community picnic in Webster Falls Park.

There have been reports of the arrival of gypsy moth in parts of the city (mostly the rural area). A working group of staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Hamilton and Halton Conservation Authorities and the City of Hamilton have been regularly monitoring these and other areas reported to them and have decided to not take any action on these public lands. If you have concerns about your own private property, information is available on these organizations' webpages.

Some of you have asked why I didn't support the NHL proposal. In my opinion, the agreement required the city to provide too many and overly generous concessions to the proponent. I also felt that our champion Hamilton Bulldogs were forgotten and their contributions were ignored. In short, the only option available to Council was to take-it or leave-it and I wasn't comfortable supporting it for these reasons.