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## Clr. Powers' column in Dundas Star News – April 2008

As you read this, the annual Dundas Citizen and Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards banquet organized by the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is about to take place. There are two and three nominees respectively for each of the two awards. It will have been a difficult decision for the judging panel because all of the nominees are winners.

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April 3<sup>rd</sup> was an exciting time at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tourism Hamilton Awards Night for the Downtown Dundas BIA when of eight nominations; they were winners in three of the categories. Sue Preston of The Village Bakery won an Individual Award for Front-Line Customer Service, Lynne Powell won an Individual Award for Lifetime Achievement and the Downtown Dundas BIA was the winner of a Business Award for Business Improvement Area (BIA) or Shopping District. Congratulations to all!

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Another great evening as the Dundas Valley School of Art held their 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Auction & Sale at the school. Congratulations to DVSA Chair, Gail Robinson-Gow, her Board and Executive Director, Arthur Greenblatt and his staff and instructors for another great evening. Thank you to the artists and artisans who donated their creations and to all DVSA supporters who attended.

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Congratulations to Dundas' Real McCoys Senior "A" hockey club on reaching the semi – finals at the National championships. Thank you for a great season...you did us proud!

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Plans are well underway for the Victoria Day Fireworks Display. As you are already aware, major park redevelopment will not permit our annual show to take place in the Dundas Driving Park. We are pleased that the Hamilton Conservation Authority as part of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations will host our fireworks show at dusk on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Christie Lake Conservation Area along with their full day of activities.

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Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts by attending the drop-in, calling my office or sending letters and emails regarding Hamilton Health Sciences plans to restructure the delivery of their health services in the Hamilton area. To date, there is generally little or no objection to the suggested realignment of specialized services in the various institutions however there is **unanimous rejection** of plans to close the Emergency Unit at the McMaster University Medical Centre to all except children. A groundswell has developed over this singular issue and with the collective support of Councillors McHattie and Pasuta; we will be engaging the residents of Dundas, West Flamborough and West Hamilton to vigorously oppose this ill-conceived proposal.