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Clr. Russ Powers' column
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Happy New Year to all of you. Linda and I hope that everyone enjoyed your seasonal activities. The Boxing Day Skate at the J. L. Grightmire Arena was very well attended with almost 250 at the Parent/Tot and Public Skate to try out those new blades...look for a repeat next year. Thank you to the Dundas Lions Club for sponsoring another free skate on New Year's Day.

We joined many others at Robbie Burn's Night at the Dundas Legion, Branch 36 last Saturday evening and enjoyed the Scottish traditions including outstanding performances from young dancers of the Dundas Valley School of Dance and the Dundas Pipes and Drums.

Who are those Dundas citizens worthy of recognition...then nominate them for an award. The City of Hamilton is seeking nominees for the Hamilton Municipal Senior of the Year Award. For information, contact Cathy Kohler at 905.546.2541. Tourism Hamilton is accepting nominations for their 10th Annual Tourism Awards. For information, contact Kathy Dunn at 905.546.5584. The Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for their Royal Bank Citizen of the Year and Dundas Valley Collision Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards for 2007. Information is available at www.hamiltonchamber.on.ca. Forms for all these awards are available at the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (Old Town Hall).

There have been a couple of changes to traffic control that have recently taken place. Please ensure that you abide by the 40km/h speed limit during school start/finish hours along Governors Road in the area of St Bernadette's, Highland and Sir William Osler schools. A "No Right Turn on a Red Light" has been installed for northbound vehicles on York St wishing to turn right (east) onto Cootes Dr. There have been a number of near and actual accidents at that corner because of restricted sightlines.

At this month's Dundas Community Council meeting, we welcomed Mayor Eisenberger and former Councillor Art Samson for presentation of the final report of the Mayor's Taskforce on Community Councils. We will discuss this issue in detail at our next meeting and forward our comments to the mayor. We also welcomed Ken Roberts, the CEO of Hamilton Public Libraries, who outlined the current work taking place and future

plans for the Dundas Library. At our next meeting, we will also prepare a response to Hamilton Health Sciences plan for realignment of healthcare services particularly as it relates to MUMC.