

**Clr. Russ Powers' column for the Dec 26<sup>th</sup>  
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As the year draws to an end, Linda and I would like to wish you and yours, the Best of the Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year. In these challenging times, may you find love and support from your faith, family, friends and colleagues.

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I can only assume that, you would have visited the Dundas Driving Park and tried out the just-opened Rotary Skating Rink. If you are just now getting brand new skates, I invite you to try them out at my annual Boxing Day Skate at the J.L. Grightmire Memorial Arena on Market St S. The Parent & Tot skate (skating aids allowed) goes from 1 – 2 pm then the Public Skate is from 2 – 4 pm. Please join me for my Christmas tradition...and admission is free.

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We have already experienced an early snowfall and I want to share with you some winter etiquette to make it easier for all of us to get around and also prevent emergencies. Hamilton Emergency Services reminds you that when clearing snow from your driveway and sidewalk that you ensure that a path is cleared to the fire hydrant to allow easy locating and access. With varying temperatures over the winter, pay attention to the overhead accumulation of icicles and safely remove them, whenever able to. The City's Snow Removal Bylaw requires that all sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of the cessation of snowfall. If help is needed, please offer to assist your neighbours or enroll them in the Snow Angels program by calling 905-523-1910 or [www.snowangels.ca](http://www.snowangels.ca). Complaints regarding snow and ice removal can be directed to 905-546-2782 (weekdays) or 905-546-2489 (after hours, weekends or holidays).

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We are pleased to welcome Service Canada to the Dundas Municipal Service Centre. A representative is available most Tuesdays between 9 am – 3:30 pm to assist you with many federal services and programs such as Employment Insurance Benefits, Old Age Security, Canada Pension Plan, Social Insurance amongst many. Visit [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca) to view their other available services.

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The Dundas Community Council resumes its meetings on Wed, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (Dundas Town Hall). The agenda for the meeting is posted on the webpage [www.russpowers.com](http://www.russpowers.com) at the beginning of that week.