

R. F. (Russ) Powers

Personal:

- Born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Resident of Dundas, Ontario, Canada since 1966.

Education:

Educated at Dundas District High School, Mohawk College and the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

Vocation:

Retired following an almost thirty year career in health sciences and education at McMaster University.

Military:

Logistics Officer (Ret'd) with 23 (Hamilton) Service Battalion, 2 Tactical Aviation Support Squadron and 2 Wing of Canada's Armed Forces.

Current and Previous Involvement:

Political

- Dundas' Councillor, City of Hamilton Municipal Council (2000 – 2004 and 2006 – present)
- Member, House of Commons, Canada's 38th Parliament (2004 – 2006)
- Regional Councillor, Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Council (1996 – 2000)
- Town Councillor, Town of Dundas Municipal Council (1982 – 1996)

Civic

Current:

- Chair: Hamilton Council's Governance Committee
- Chair: Hamilton Council's Grants Committee
- Chair: Hamilton Council's Municipal Drainage Court of Revision
- Chair: Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Committee
- Chair: Canadian Urban Transit Association's Transit Board Members Committee and
Member: Board of Directors, Canadian Urban Transit Association
- Co-Chair: Hamilton-Niagara Waste Plan
- Vice-Chair: Solid Waste Management Masterplan Committee
- President: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Commissioner: Niagara Escarpment Commission
- Member: Hamilton Council's General Issues Committee
- Member & Past Chair: Hamilton Council's Audit, Finance & Administration Committee and Public Works Committee
- Member: Hamilton Council's Board of Health
- Member: Hamilton Council's Pension/Benefits Committee
- Member: Hamilton Council's Non-Union Compensation Committee
- Member: Hamilton Council's Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee
- Member: Hamilton Utilities Corporation Joint Advisory Committee
- Member: Hamilton Council's Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plan Phases 3 and 4 Class EA Committee

- Member: Hamilton Council's Historical Board
- Member: Dundas Farmer's Market Management Group
- Board Member: Art Gallery of Hamilton
- Board Member: Downtown Dundas BIA
- Board Member: Dundas Centre for the Arts Board of Management
- Board Member: Dundas Community Services
- Board Member: Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.
- Board Member: Hamilton Utilities Stakeholders Corporation
- Board Member: Hamilton Street Railway Corporation
- Board Member: Tourism Hamilton

Previous:

- Past Chair: Dundas' General Government, Physical Services, Budget and Personnel Committees and Committee of the Whole
- Past Chair: Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Incorporated (HECFI)
- Past Vice-Chair: Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Environmental Services Committee
- Past Chair: Hamilton Council's Cemetery Committee
- Past Chair: Regional Advisory Committee for Services for Seniors
- Former National Vice President and also Chair: Environmental Issues Committee, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Past Chair: Economic and Sustainable Development Committee, Canada's 38th Parliament
- Former Member: The Status of Women, Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics and Government Operations and Estimates Committees, Canada's 38th Parliament

Community***Current:***

- Chair: Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund
- Director: Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA)
- Director: Dundas Community Services
- Member: Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club

Previous:

- Past Chair: The Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, and Director, Conservation Ontario
- Former Director of the Hamilton Children's Aid Society
- Former Director of the Hamilton District Health Council
- Past President of the Dundas Junior Chamber/Jaycees
- Past Chair: Fresh Water Advisory Committee of the Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation
- Founder & Inaugural Chair: Dundas' Cactus Festival (1976)/Dundas Easter Egg Hunt (1974)

Other Involvement/hobbies:

Local history, historical postcards, motorcycling