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**Clr. Russ Powers' column for the Dec 27th, 2012  
edition of the Dundas Star News.**

Notwithstanding your faith, we all make that extra effort to get together and celebrate this special time of year and to be grateful for and understanding of everything that has transpired in the past year. From my family to yours, we trust that you had a very 'Merry Christmas' and wish you a 'Happy and Healthy New Year' as we head into 2013...Thank you for joining me yesterday to try out your new skates at my annual Boxing Day Skate at the J.L.Grightmire Arena.

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The Rotary Skating Rink in the Dundas Driving Park is now operational. The food concession and a skate rental is now open daily from 10 am – closing (weather permitting). Also, I want to extend thanks to the neighbourhood volunteers, who have taken it upon themselves, in association with the City, to construct and maintain natural ice rinks in Sanctuary and Little John Parks and now in Witherspoon Park.

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With the arrival of winter weather conditions, the City of Hamilton Bylaw No. 03-290 requires the occupants and owners of all homes, buildings, businesses and properties throughout the city to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their properties within 24 hours of the cessation of a snowfall. It is also illegal to place or throw snow and ice onto a roadway as it may interfere with traffic movement and cause an accident.

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Dundas Community Services (DCS) will be hosting their Annual Fundraising Event with a special presentation of the Dundas Little Theatre production of "Drama at Inish", a delightful ensemble comedy and little-seen Irish gem on Thursday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8 PM in Dundas' Garstin Centre for the Arts, 37 Market

St South. For tickets and/or information, call 905.627.5461. If the DCS evening doesn't work for you, Dundas Little Theatre will have additional presentations on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> (matinee only), 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. For tickets for these shows, call 905.627.5266.

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Best wishes and thanks to Steve Deighton and some members of the Dundas Cactus Festival Organizing Committee on their recent retirement. Through their efforts, the Cactus Fest continues to be one of the top ranked events in Ontario. David Longo ([dlongo1@cogeco.ca](mailto:dlongo1@cogeco.ca) or 905.518.7573) has assumed the Chair and is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. Get involved by contacting David.

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The Dundas Community Council will resume its meetings with the first of 2013 scheduled for 7 pm on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (Old Town Hall), 60 Main Street.