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**Clr. Russ Powers' column for the Nov 29th
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Last Friday evening, a large crowd of young and mature attended our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Memorial Square in Downtown Dundas (in 1914, Dundas was the first community in Canada to have a municipal Xmas tree). The event is jointly hosted by the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Dundas BIA. Entertainment was provided by the Dundas Concert Band followed by a youth choir (with some real upbeat music). Joan Ballantyne, with her glorious voice acted as our hostess and led us through many of the seasonal favourites in the lead-up to the arrival of Santa Claus. This event is the start of "A Dickens of a Christmas" in downtown Dundas...view the BIA website at www.downtowndundas.ca for a detailed schedule. Also, visit University Plaza for their planned activities.

Starting Saturday, December 1st through Dec 31st inclusive, parking us free in Downtown Dundas but ONLY in the city's off-street municipal parking lots (on-street metered parking is maintained). This provides you adequate time to complete your seasonal shopping in Dundas' shops.

Soon (weather permitting), the Dundas Rotary Skating Rink in the Dundas Driving Park will be prepared for winter usage with (hopefully) skating around Dec 8th/9th.

If you or your group are in need of my 'Dundas Sing-a-long' (Christmas carols) songbooks, please drop by the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (old town hall), 60 Main St, Dundas during regular office hours (M-F, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM) and pick up whatever you need.

Circle Wednesday, December 26th on your calendar and join me for my annual 'Boxing Day Skate' at the J.L. Grightmire Arena, 35 Market St South. Here's the opportunity to try out those new skates at either the Parents & Tots Skate (skating aides allowed) from 1-2 PM or the Public Skate from 2-4 PM. Admission is free.

There is NO Dundas Community Council meeting scheduled for December but our meetings will resume in the new year on Wednesday, January 16th, 2013 and then (generally) every third Wednesday except for July, August and December.

