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Clr. Russ Powers' Column

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Congratulations to Mrs. Dorothy Laird, Past President of the Dundas Senior Citizens' Club (DSCC) who will be honoured at a ceremony by the Province of Ontario in October as recipient of the Ontario Senior Achievement Award. Dorothy was a founding member of DSCC and served as its President for 18 years.

At my request and with the assistance of the City's Recreation Division, the Parent and Tot Skate which allows for skating aids on the ice has been relocated from the Westoby Olympic Ice Surface to the J.L. Grightmire Memorial Arena. It will be offered on Wednesdays from 11 am – 12 noon and on Saturdays from 1 – 2 pm.

Last Saturday, our new playfield across from the former Dundas District Middle School was officially dedicated and will be called the Fisher's Mill Park in recognition of the contribution of the Fisher Family who donated their lands for construction of the Dundas District High School and its sports field almost 80 years ago.

Work on the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (Dundas Town Hall) is now complete and in keeping with its Provincial and local heritage designation. A cursory glance may lead you to believe that the building only received a fresh coat of paint but a major retrofit was undertaken including a copula and clock rebuild, new roof and window and door renewal, John and his crew from Bestco Construction and Michael and his crew from Northern Painters were a delight to work with and their pride in their work is very evident.

Kids for Kaga invite the community to join them for a celebration marking the 40th anniversary of the Twinning between Dundas and Kaga, Japan through the United Nations Mundialization program. The event will take place on Thurs, Oct 9th at 6 pm at the Dundas Town Hall.

Hamilton Health Sciences plan to close the adult Emergency Room at the McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC) due to realignment of services and critical staffing challenges that are impacting them and most Ontario multi-facility healthcare services. They are proposing the establishment of an Urgent Care facility just east of Westdale High School which will be open every day for 14 hrs/day. They have also committed to receive every individual who arrives at MUMC in the off-hours, stabilize them and then transfer them to the best location for further treatment. I still have concerns and welcome your thoughts (rpowers@hamilton.ca) and will pass them on to HHS President, Murray Martin.