

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 – 2004/2006 – 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 Public Work's Committee
- Chair: Hamilton Council's Governance Committee and Grants Committee
- Co-Chair: Hamilton-Niagara Waste Plan
- Co-Chair: 2010 Hamilton Olympic Torch Relay Committee
- Vice-Chair: Solid Waste Management Master Plan Committee
- Vice-President & Director: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Director: Canadian Urban Transit Association's Municipal Transit Boards Committee
- Member: Hamilton Council's Pension/Benefits Committee
- Member: Hamilton Council's Historical Board

Previous:

- Past Chair: Hamilton Council's Audit, Finance & Administration Committee
- 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 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: Dundas Downtown 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