

# R. F. (Russ) Powers

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## 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

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

### Civic

#### *Current:*

- Chair: Hamilton Council's Audit & Administration Committee.
- Chair: Hamilton Council's Governance, Grants and Multi-Residential Taxation Committees.
- Chair: Canadian Urban Transit Association's Municipal Committee.
- Co-Chair: Hamilton-Niagara WastePlan.
- Co-Chair: 2010 Hamilton Olympic Torch Relay Committee.
- Vice-Chair: Solid Waste Management Master Plan Committee.
- Vice-Chair: Hamilton Council's 'Fairness to Hamilton' Committee.
- Past-Chair and Member: Hamilton Council's Public Works Committee.
- Director: Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Member: Fire Services Task Force.
- Member: Hamilton Council's Pension/Benefits Committee.
- Member: Hamilton Council's Historical Board.
- Member: Hamilton Council's Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees.
- Member: Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs Task Force on Local Government.

#### *Previous:*

- Past Chair: Hamilton Council's Public Works Committee
- Past Chair: Dundas' General Government, Physical Services, Budget and Personnel Committees and Committee of the Whole.
- Past Vice-Chair: H-W 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: their Environmental Issues Committee, Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- Past Chair: Economic and Sustainable Development Committee, Canada's 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament.
- Former Member: the Status of Women, Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics and Government Operations and Estimates Committees, Canada's 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

**Community*****Current:***

- Chair – Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund
- Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens
- Director of Dundas Community Services
- Member of Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club

***Previous:***

- Past Chair: the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, and Director, Conservation Ontario
- Past Chair: Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Inc.
- 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