



Cupid is Coming

Decorate Your Window and Win!

It's that time of year again. February means showing everyone that Downtown Dundas has plenty of heart.

Hearts, flowers, love-birds.... push your creative juices to the max. Not sure where to begin? Use the *Valentine's Day Starter Kit* to get started decorating your store window and you could be a winner. Windows will be judged by members of the Promotions Committee on Wednesday February 13th.

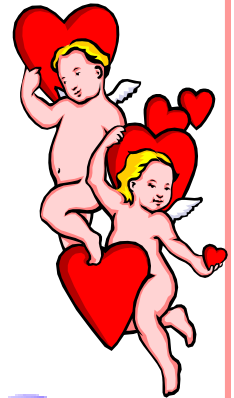
Winners of the Valentine Décor Contest will receive Downtown Dundas Restaurant Vouchers ; 1st Prize—\$100 voucher; 2nd Prize—\$75 voucher; 3rd Prize—\$50 voucher



*Decorate your window,
Decorate your door,
Decorate the inside and out of your store.*

*Cupid is a coming,
With prizes for winners.*

First, second, and third will receive special dinners!



Annual General Meeting Tuesday February 12th

The Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area will hold its **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday February 12th, downstairs at The Collins Brewhouse,

All business and property owners within the B.I.A. are invited. Guest Speakers for the meeting include Hazel Milsome and Wayne Thompson from the City of Hamilton who will provide you with information on the various grant and loan programs available to BIA members.

Meet and Greet from 6pm with the official proceedings starting at 6:45pm.

Please RSVP to Judy at (905) 628-3954 by Friday February 8th.

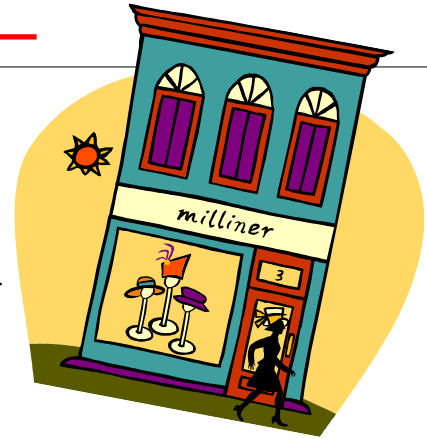
BIA Commercial Property Improvement Grants

The next deadline for The Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program is Thursday March 6th. The CPIG Program provides financial assistance to commercial property owners and owner-authorized tenants within the twelve Business Improvement Areas across the City of Hamilton.

The CPIG Program will provide a grant on a matching basis of \$400 per linear square foot of street frontage, up to a maximum of \$20,000 (\$25,000 for corner properties), for eligible façade and entranceway improvements.

Eligible Improvements

- ◆ Replacement or repairing of storefronts and rear entrances (at the discretion of the Review Committee) if used as an access to the business.
- ◆ Improvements and or upgrades to doors, cornices and parapets. Addition of new lighting and upgrading of existing fixtures, on exterior of the façade and within the storefront area normally associated with the display area.
- ◆ Awning replacements and/or additions.
- ◆ Brick repairs and/or pointing.
- ◆ Painting and façade treatments.
- ◆ Installation or improvement of signage.
- ◆ Architectural or design fees may be eligible up to \$750 as part of the total grant awarded for completed construction.
- ◆ Interior improvements related to display windows and entrance areas are eligible to an amount of \$2,500 of the total allotment. Eligible areas will be determined by the review committee.



For information contact Hazel Milsome at the City of Hamilton (905) 546-2424, ext. 2755, or at hmilsome@hamilton.ca.

THANK YOU!

During the month of December your Downtown Dundas BIA collected \$1,700 in donations for the Dundas Salvation Army Food Bank.



Mark Your 2008 Calendars Now!

Easter Eggs-travaganza—Saturday March 22nd, 11am to 3pm

Downtown Dundas Celebrates Wellness—Monday April 7th to Sunday April 20th

11th Annual Dundas International Buskerfest—Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 6th, 7th & 8th

Scarecrow Saturday—Saturday October 25th

Downtown Dundas Annual Christmas Tree Lighting—Friday November 28th

Dickens of a Christmas—Every Saturday and Sunday in December