



DUNDAS MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Temporary Hours

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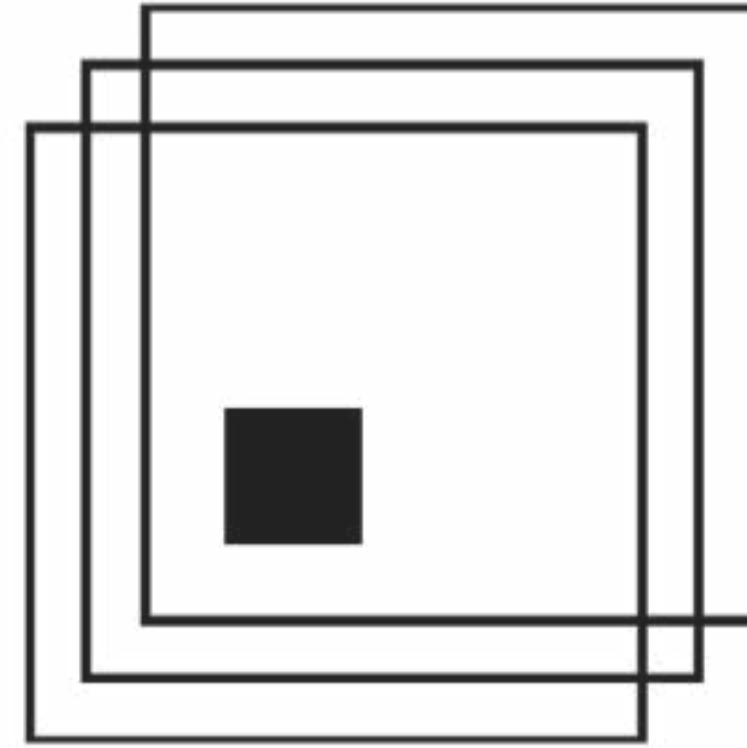
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Introducing the Made in Dundas Box



MADE IN DUNDAS BOX

SHOP LOCAL BUSINESSES
SUPPORT YOUR MUSEUM

Introducing the Made in Dundas Box, a curated selection of hand-picked treats made here in Dundas! Each box will feature a surprise collection of locally sourced items from some of the wonderful businesses in the community. Available at dundasbox.ca, its contents are valued at more than \$135.

Boxes are sold for \$100 each with free curbside pickup at the Dundas Museum and Archives. Safe, contact-free delivery to your porch is available for all orders in Dundas and the City of Hamilton for a cost of only \$5.00. Deliveries will be made on October 8, in time for Thanksgiving!

How it works; through the Made in Dundas Box program, the Museum purchases products in bulk, supporting local small businesses who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. All proceeds will go directly to the Museum's Education Program, providing free school visits or online learning. Finally, the recipient of the Made in Dundas Box will enjoy wonderful local products at less than the regular retail cost. Pick one up for yourself and send one to a friend!

Buy Now

Thank you!
 Your purchase of a Made in Dundas Box Supports



FREE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS

FREE BUSING FOR CLASSES WITHIN DUNDAS



VISITS FROM OVER 1000 STUDENTS

AWARD-WINNING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS



VISITS FROM 6 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS IN DUNDAS

OVER 20 UNIQUE PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12

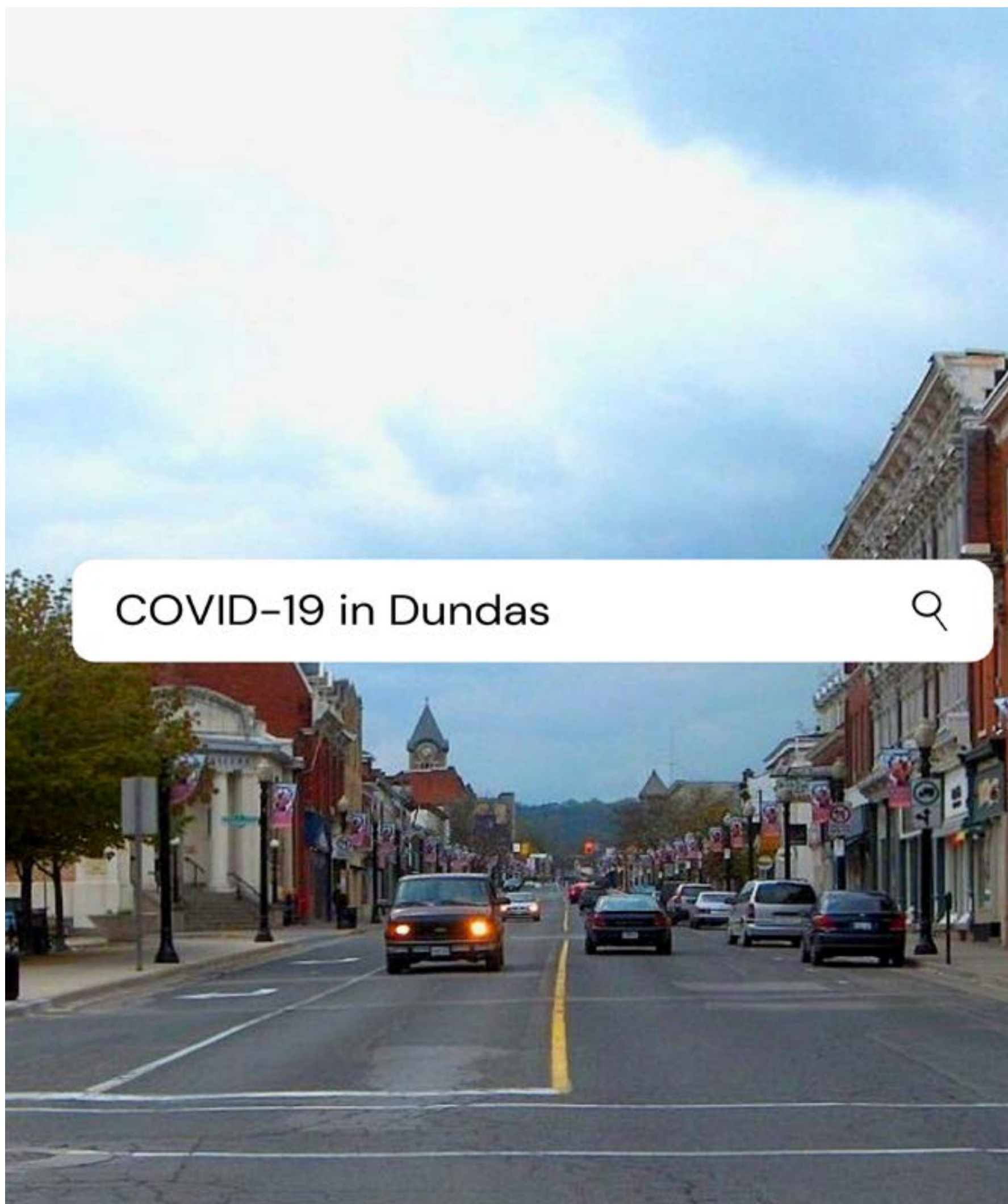
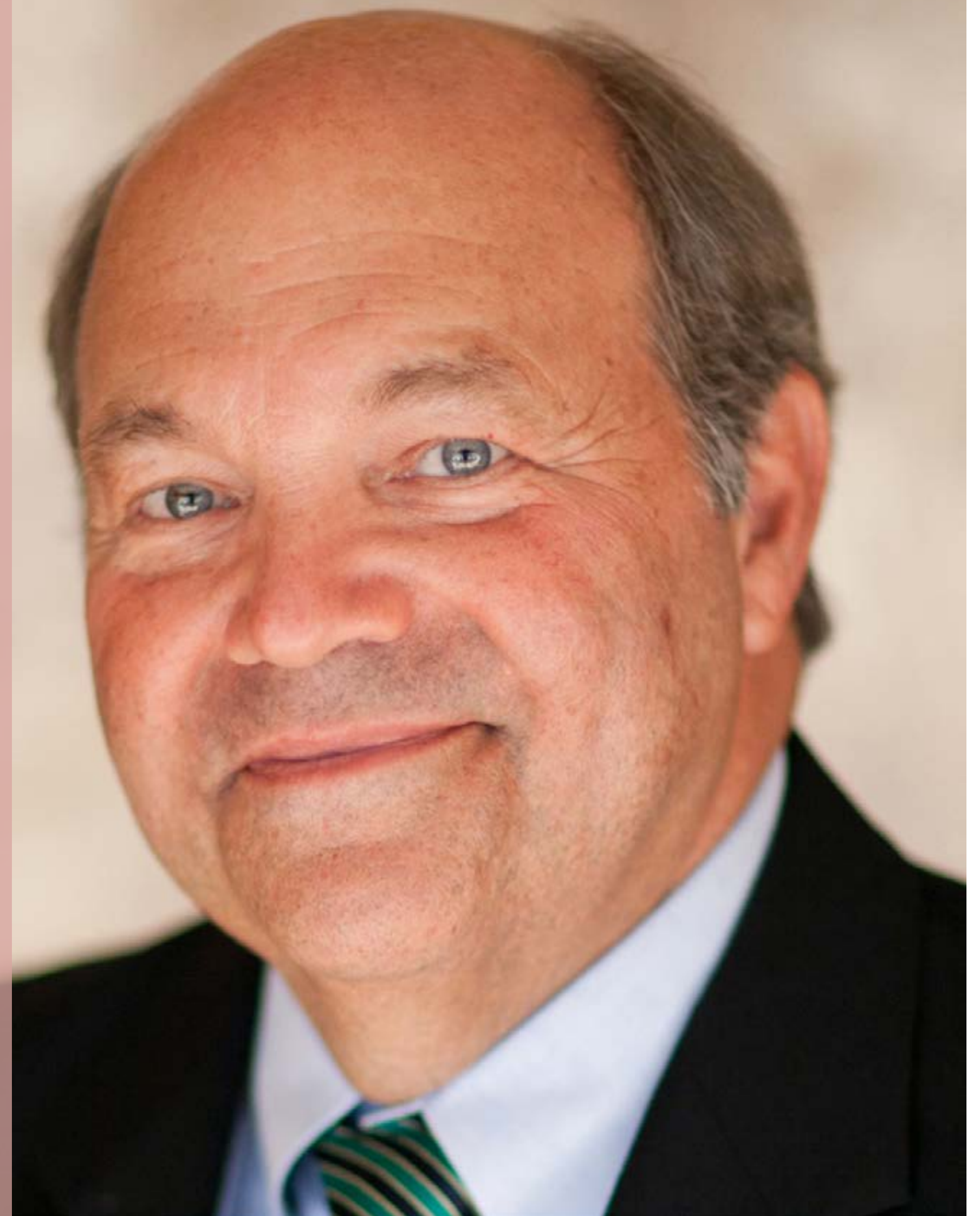
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Board Message

What have you been doing since the Ides of March (March 15th) during this (hopefully only) onslaught of COVID-19. Few people recall the only similar experience during the 1918 Spanish Flu, yet what we do know locally is recorded in our Archives which is why, the DM&A is asking you to share with us what you've experienced during C-19. So far, my memories include watching more Netflix/Prime that I ever wanted to, finally accomplishing the long-needed purging of 'stuff' (never knew that we took so many photographs), spending more time on my Ancestry family tree but most memorable is having the smallest automobile fuel charges in years and walking into the bank with a mask on and asking for money. Go to our webpage and share your experience with us.

Share Your Memories of the
COVID-19 Pandemic



The Dundas Museum & Archives has re-opened with NO pre-registration required. All COVID-19 precautions are in place with the wearing of face masks mandatory for entrance and occupation. Our new hours are 1 – 4 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 1 – 8 PM on Thursday. The museum remains closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Welcome back to Your Museum!

Be well and stay safe.

R.F. (Russ) Powers
President/Board Chair

Education



This September looks very different than any we have seen before with teachers, students, and parents facing unprecedented challenges during this new school year. Through this difficult time our DMA Classroom aims to support the learning of everyone in our community whether in person or virtually. Fortunately, we are able to face this time with many tools that allow us to continue to digitally engage with the students and community of Dundas. Beginning this fall we will be offering online education programs for elementary and secondary students. From Kindergarten to Grade 10 select programs will be available virtually from the Dundas Museum and Archives Education Center.

Using our various online resources from Discover Your Historical Dundas to our online collections database, these virtual programs will deliver the same engaging content directly to classrooms. The majority of these programs are popular favourites that have been reimagined for online delivery with the addition of two new virtual programs. The first of our new virtual programs is “Growing up in Dundas” for JK/SK to Grade 3. This program can be delivered virtually by our Education

Coordinator, or the digital lesson plan can be downloaded to be delivered directly by teachers or parents. The program covers specific curriculum requirements by grade and contains activities, crafts, and discussion questions to encourage deep engagement with the content. Our new Grade 10 program “Dundas and the Spanish Flu” was inspired by our award-winning program “Finding Hazel” and gives high school students the chance to examine primary source documents, learn how Dundas experienced the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic, and explore what studying history really means. This program deals with sensitive subject matter but encourages students to use the principles of historical inquiry to engage with the past and help inform our future.

As we navigate this challenging time together, we are available to teachers, parents, and students for support. We aim to provide useful resources for our community whether in person or virtually. We wish everyone a safe return to learning, and we look forward to experiencing this school year with you.

Dundas & COVID-19

We asked the community of Dundas to share their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are a few of those submissions. Tell us your stories at dundasmuseum.ca/covid-19

While still working during this pandemic at McMaster Children's Hospital, it is evident to me that we all need to make people smile and laugh to get through this all together. After noticing more and more families out for walks, I decided to chalk a few "family friendly" jokes out on my front sidewalk. Even while sitting out there writing each joke, people would stop and read them saying "that's terrific....I needed that laugh today" or "do you mind if I take a picture of this". It felt so good that I had made at least a few people smile and laugh and for a moment, they were able to forget the circumstances surrounding us all.

Submission by: Cheri Harrington



My husband is in contact with COVID 19 patients as a physician at Hamilton General Hospital. The kids (age 6, 4 and 2) never get to see him with his full protective gear on, unless he calls us via FaceTime during a break. We taught the kids how to give a foot hug (foot high five) to their daddy when he comes and goes for work. We created a special space for him to sanitize before he comes into the house.

School is cancelled for several months so this means that even the 4 year old has 'Zoom' classes with her pre school teachers and friends at St James Pre school on Melville St. My 6 year old receives daily tasks from her kindergarten teacher and sends photos or videos of them back to her.

Submission by: Eleanor Ng

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COVID-19 Pandemic

Upcoming events

A poster for a ghost walk and scavenger hunt. The background is a dark, misty forest with tall, thin trees and a path leading into the distance. The text is in a white, serif font.

GHOST WALK & SCAVENGER HAUNT

OCTOBER 29, 30, 31
7PM TO 8:30PM DAILY
EXTRA TOUR: 2PM OCT 31

TICKETS \$5.00
AVAILABLE NOW

Dundas Ghost Tour and Scavenger Haunt October 29, 30, 31st

Join the DMA and local historian Stan Nowak as we explore the spooky stories of Dundas. This outdoor walking tour will begin at 7pm and will be approximately 90 minutes in length. Don't forget to keep your eyes open during this scavenger hunt! We encourage participants to dress for the weather. Space will be limited to ensure safe social distancing. Tickets \$5 per person.

[Get Tickets](#)

Arts Dundas Weekend November 5, 6, 7th

For this Carnegie Gallery led event, join Exhibition Coordinator Austin Strutt on November 7th at 12:00pm for a virtual tour of the new feature exhibit, "I Spy Dundas," on Facebook Live. Explore Dundas all weekend long with our outdoor scavenger hunt, available for digital download on our website on November 1st! Can you discover the secret phrase for a chance to win a prize?

[Carnegie Gallery](#)

[Facebook Live Event](#)



Made in Dundas Holiday Special December 5th

We might be celebrating a little differently this year but our Made in Dundas celebration is here to stay! Free "Holiday in a Box" packages will be available to pick up by registration from December 1st to the 19th and will include everything you need to hold your own Made in Dundas Christmas. The Made in Dundas Holiday Special will launch online on December 5th with story time, craft instructions, and your chance to talk to Santa!

[Register](#)

Upcoming Exhibit

A graphic for the 'I SPY DUNDAS' exhibition. The title 'I SPY' is at the top in a large, yellow, bubbly font with black outlines and small circles inside. Below it is a detailed pencil drawing of a human eye looking upwards. At the bottom, the word 'DUNDAS' is written in the same yellow, bubbly font. The background is a light beige color with faint, yellow-tinted illustrations of various historical artifacts: a pocket watch, a teapot, a scale, and a box labeled 'IMPERIAL'.

I SPY

DUNDAS

I Spy Dundas Feature Exhibition

November 5, 2020 to March 6 2021

Join us this November for our upcoming exhibition I Spy Dundas, where we invite you to explore the vast collections of the Dundas Museum and take a closer look at the artifacts that tell our community's history.

Here at the Dundas Museum we have a first-hand understanding of how caring for objects from the past helps us to preserve history and memory. An artifact can tell us a lot about the people who made, used, or cared for it. From family photos, fine china, and watercolours, to curiosities, tools, and toys, the artifacts in our Museum all have stories to tell. All these and more will be on display in I Spy Dundas, which highlights local treasures that rarely emerge from our vault. With this exhibit we welcome visitors (especially young ones!) to explore our collection and challenge themselves to find the hidden details listed in the I Spy riddles that accompany each display.

The permanent collection of the Dundas Museum represents 80 years of historical collecting and preservation. But our mission never stops! Visit I Spy Dundas to find out how you can contribute to preserving the history of our town and expanding our artifact collection. You might be surprised just what we are looking to collect, and what we aren't! Visit I Spy Dundas and see how you can help broaden and improve the way we tell our history in the future.

Online Learning

Contemporary Collecting

The Dundas Museum & Archives is proud of our role in safeguarding the artifacts of our community. Here we house more than 16,000 artifacts and over 30 meters of documents, spanning the entire history of the Dundas Valley. We are grateful to be receiving an influx of artifact donation offers in recent months. To safely add to our collection, please do not bring these items directly to the Museum. A new online form is now available on our website at dundasmuseum.ca/donate. Tell us more about your items and how it will relate to the general history of Dundas. We love to see your accompanying photographs and to hear your stories about each item or image.

Collections staff will connect with you personally to discuss your donation.

[Donate](https://dundasmuseum.ca/donate)



Digital Resources

The Dundas Museum & Archives has vastly increased our online resources over the past few months. A new digital portal has been developed to provide access to our archival and artifact collections, available at collections.dundasmuseum.ca. E-commerce is now available at support.dundasmuseum.ca to purchase our gift shop products, memberships, make donations, purchase event tickets, and buy a Made in Dundas Box. Visit dundasmuseum.ca/archives-at-home to discover more about the Archives and how to use our resources. Find Museum activities and articles of interest at dundasmuseum.ca/museum-at-home.

Links:

[Collection](https://collections.dundasmuseum.ca)

[E-Commerce](https://support.dundasmuseum.ca)

[Archives at Home](https://dundasmuseum.ca/archives-at-home)

[Museum at Home](https://dundasmuseum.ca/museum-at-home)

What's New?



Congratulations to Sandra Kiemele 15 Years at the DM&A

On August 15th, our Board of Directors and staff celebrated Archivist Sandra Kiemele's 15th year with the Dundas Museum and Archives. As a valued member of our team, we thank Sandra for her leadership, hard work and dedication throughout her time here at the Museum. This photograph was taken in 2005 during her first week.

A Look at our Archives: Bessie Ridler School

In 1849, Bessie Ridler opened her private school in her home at 34 Hatt Street. The building was later renovated to the Ellen Olser Memorial Home.

The typical school day consisted of arithmetic followed by writing and spelling. History and geography followed spelling with the day ending with home economics. Needlework was one of the main features taught to both girls and boys and was noted to be "an accomplishment not to be despised" by one of her students in later years.

Miss Ridler taught both boys and girls until the age of 12. The school room was in the front room of the house on the ground floor where large windows were present.

A long sloping table with a top that slanted to front and back sat in the room. The children sat on the sides with the boys on one side, the girls on the other with Miss. Ridler sitting at the head of the table.

It was common for those who walked by the schoolhouse to hear the sounds of the scrawling of chalk on slate and the voices of children saying "yes Miss Ridler" and "no Miss Ridler."



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