

## Lord Mayor's Message to NOTL ~ for 27 May 09

Bike Safety is something that can't be emphasized often enough.

With the warm weather, it's important to find the time to make sure your child's bike is fitted properly and in good working order. Go over the rules of the road with them and make sure they always wear their helmets.

Please, remind them to never ever ever wear headphones while riding. And that goes for adults too!

A special thanks goes to the Community Policing Committee for organizing a very successful Bike Rodeo. On Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> there were 232 off-shore workers participating in the event teaching bike safety.

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This week we'll review your responses to the quality of the information you feel you are receiving from the Town. If you'd like to see the actual numbers, please go to [www.notl.org](http://www.notl.org)

### Question #3:

**"Please rate your agreement with these statements about communications from the Town of NOTL"**

This question asked about the accuracy, timeliness, frequency and methods of communicating.

The majority of respondents felt the information provided about Council and municipal events was "accurate", "timely", "frequent enough", that the "methods of communication were satisfactory" and the "opportunities to provide my own input are satisfactory".

However, the numbers suggest respondents do not feel that "enough information is provided".

Of interest was the number of people who ticked the "don't know" box asking about the "accuracy" of information. More respondents ticked this box than ticked the "disagree" or "strongly disagree" boxes.

Of the personal comments submitted, there didn't seem to be really strong issues about any one particular thing. Many of you wrote that you would appreciate more information and in a timelier manner. Some of the personal opinions were:

“I hear about the first open meeting to discuss a topic (e.g. windmills) and then do not hear anything further.”

“Communication is ineffectual & I feel alienated from the process of decision-making.”

“More advance notice about issues would be helpful.”

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The winner of the draw for an Artisan Wine and Cheese Tasting for 2 from Reif Estate Winery; a \$50 value has asked to remain anonymous. Thank you and congratulations!