

Lord Mayor's Message to NOTL ~ for 22 Jan 09

This week starts off with Clive Buist as Acting-CAO. I'm sure he'll do a fine job as we search for somebody to fill the vacancy left by Lew Holloway.

At the same time, I'd like to recognize another of the many dedicated staff working for the Town. Colleen Garceau in our Finance Department has been with the Town for 25 years – she's the one that sends out all the cheques. Congratulations Colleen and a sincere 'Thank You' from all of us!

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The Icewine Lounge will be on Queen Street from noon to 6PM this Saturday and Sunday. Whether you're out walking the dog, shopping or meeting friends for lunch, I hope you'll join the crowd for some of the liquid gold produced by our very own neighbours.

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Work has already begun on the Old Town and Dock Area Vision and Secondary Plan.

Consultants from Urban Strategies have met with residents to discuss their ideas for the Old Town and Dock area. At the Town's request, these meetings are private without any of our staff or media present. The idea is to encourage open, spirited and meaningful dialogue. There are more interviews planned over the next few weeks.

Your input is important. I hope you will participate at some point of the process regardless of where you live, work or play in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

I'm looking forward to the Speakers Series planned for February. You'll find information about them in the upcoming CITIZENS' BULLETIN. This newsletter will tell you more about planned events and keep you up-to-date on the process.

You'll find a copy of CITIZENS' BULLETIN attached to this week's "NOTL News" available at the Post Office. To receive copies by email, please call Town Hall at 905.468.3266. Of course, you can go to www.notl.org and click your way to a copy.

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We've set the date! The Lord Mayor's Mardi Gras Dinner will be held on Friday, March 6th, 2009. I hope you can help with this fundraiser by donating items to the Silent and Live Auctions. This year's proceeds are going to benefit the NDSS application for IB.

Tickets will be sold on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. They'll be available at Town Hall in February, starting Friday the 13th. Be sure to get yours before heading to the motorcycle rally in Port Dover.

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Remember: Register@NDSS