

## **Lord Mayor's Message to NOTL ~ for 15 Apr 09**

“Imagine the Possibilities when Council & Business Explore Ways to Succeed!”

Town Council is taking a proactive approach to the headlines about tough economic times. We're inviting all NOTL business people to join us for a roll-up your sleeves meeting on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30 PM at the NOTL Community Centre.

We specifically want to hear how you see Council's role during these challenging economic times. Has it changed? What should we be doing? What should Council's role be as we move into better economic times? Once we understand what this is, Council can take action where it is appropriate for the Town.

Council's function is to listen and really hear what you're saying. Our role right now is to facilitate getting the full spectrum of thoughts, problems and ideas onto the table. This is an opportunity for us to work together, focus on the issues and develop your ideas into a strategy and actions tailored to the needs of this community.

The result might be that businesses will develop a plan, agree to their roles and carry on. At the end of the day, this is another step in opening up communications as we built toward an excellent working relationship.

Just like the work being done on the Old Town and Dock Area Vision and Secondary Plan, if you'd like to be involved, then come to the meeting. Everyone will have an opportunity to be heard and all your comments will be documented.

Building our community is everyone's job and it starts with open and transparent discussions.

If you'd like to get together for conversations that matter, call me at 905.468.3266 or email me at [GBurroughs@notl.org](mailto:GBurroughs@notl.org)