

Lord Mayor's Message to NOTL ~ 5 Feb 09

Next week is shaping up to be quite busy.

As part of the process for developing a vision and secondary plan for the Old Town & Dock Area, young people will be asked for their input. What a fabulous opportunity for our youth to participate in something that will have a direct impact on them.

There will be a workshop on Tuesday, February 10 in the library at NDSS from 3-7PM. We're looking for input from students in grade 8 or high school. If you're interested, call Barb Wiens or Leah Wallace at 905.468.3266 for more information and to register.

The next stage in the process is the Speakers Series scheduled from 7-9PM at the Court House on February 11, 12, 17 and 18.

These panel discussions of leading edge thinkers from NOTL and other similar communities in Ontario will help us get a handle on key issues and experiences to help us develop our own Vision. At each session, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in discussions.

The titles reflect the major issues in our community: "Quality of Place, Quality of Life", "Integrating the Old Town's Culture, Heritage and Landscape", "Tourism for Tomorrow – Does the Old Town Fit In?" and "NOTL: Future of the Waterfront in the Old Town".

For more information, call Stephen Bedford in Planning at 905.468.3266, or pick up a copy of CITIZENS' BULLETIN No. 2 at the Post Office or on-line at www.notl.org.

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Also on Wednesday, February 11, from 7-9PM is an information night for people interested in billeting international students coming to NDSS. What a wonderful opportunity this could be for you, for NDSS and for the new students. If you have an extra room, are interested in learning more about another culture and sharing our culture with a teen, or would like to bring a new experience to your own family, I hope you will consider this opportunity.

Billet homes could receive up to \$500 per month per student.

To meet with international student recruiters and learn more about the project, join the people bringing new students to NDSS at the Niagara United Mennonite Church hall (the red brick castle) on Niagara Stone Road at East West Line.

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The plans for the March 6 Mardi Gras party are really taking off! Please call me if you have a donation for the auctions or raffles.