

PROPERTY

In 2009 the BDC continued to improve the Batawa properties. The bend in the road where Bata Rd. and Parry Dr. meet was often used as an area for dumping. With new wildflowers planted, and boulders put into place, the area has grown into a natural habitat abundant with flowers and dumping has ceased.



The BDC continued the clean up of Linden Park removing years of debris and restoring this beautiful spot to its intended park-like atmosphere. New Glenleven Linden and Redmond Linden trees were planted with flowering shrubs, daffodils and crocus ready to bloom this spring.



The BDC celebrated Canada Day by lining the gateway to the village with 100 Canada flags. This immigrant founded community remains truly patriotic.

A wildlife board was constructed for residents and visitors to use. Young and old alike enjoy recording wildlife sightings.

BATAWA SKI HILL

The Batawa Ski Hill celebrated a historic 50th anniversary year by installing a new quad chairlift for the 2009 season. Mayor John Williams, BDC General Manager Heather Candler, Batawa Ski Hill General Manager Steve Spiessman, Trenval's Gerrit DeBruyn, Quinte West Councilor Jim Harrison and Batawa Ski Hill founders John Cormack, Toni Dekker, Doug Buck, and Serge Folschweiler were on hand to cut the ribbon for this historic moment.



A six week terrain park competition was held from February through March. Over 1000 children took part in the school program. Twelve different elementary schools participated in school group programs from January to March and 8 different high schools participated in the high school racing program. The Batawa Ski Hill participated in the Ontario Track 3 Ski Association, a volunteer non-profit organization that teaches children and youth with disabilities to downhill ski. The ski season itself was record breaking with over 20,000 skier visits.

In July and August the Batawa Ski Hill hosted a very successful summer day camp. The camp ran for eight weeks. Campers explored the trails, excavated our 40 foot T- Rex buried in the forest, discovered hidden treasures, and experimented with food and nature.

The Ski Hill ended the year with great community spirit, participating in 4 Santa Claus parades throughout the Quinte region. And Batawa's year came to close again with festivities and fireworks at the Hill.



2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

CARLETON UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Carleton University signed an MOU with the BDC to form a long-term partnership that will continue to bring various faculties to the village to assist with design and development projects. To date we have had teams of architecture and industrial design students visit and even make Batawa home as they worked on various projects. Thank you for welcoming them.



NEW BUSINESSES

Eastern Ontario Sustainable Building Centre – In March Mike Tiffe opened the “Eastern Ontario Sustainable Building Centre” (EOSBC) in Batawa: In addition to its green education series, the EOSBC houses TAB Mechanical Inc. providing various sustainable building design services and products to assist in the conversion of Eastern Ontario's building stock more to a resource-neutral state.



EOSBC has had a very successful year, participating in many redevelopment projects within the region and consulting on a solar system for our own Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

EOSBC is an active member of the Batawa community, participating in community events, including Trash Bash and the Holiday Open House. To contact EOSBC call 613-398-7070 or visit www.tabmech.com

Batawa Massage Therapy Clinic – Registered Massage Therapist, Marlene May opened the Batawa Massage Therapy Clinic in Batawa in February, and became the first practice operating in Batawa's Wellness Centre. Marlene believes health and well being come first. Batawa's rural setting offers a healthy relaxed environment for clients. To book your appointment please call 613-398-1072.





Cobbler's Gate – Cobbler's Gate made its debut in Batawa by hosting Sunday brunches at the Batawa Ski Chalet from May to September. It's founders Steve Stacey and Jeremy Taft pride themselves on using local products. They created Batawa's first Community Garden program. This program was used not only for gardening, but as a place of learning for local children. Students from the Sacred Heart Catholic School and day campers from the Batawa Ski Hill planted seeds, watered those plants, and cooked with foods harvested from the gardens.

Quinte Beekeepers Association – The Quinte Beekeeper's Association established a cooperative bee yard at the former Plant Manager's house. Watch for Batawa honey and beekeeping demonstrations in the coming year.

EVENTS

The annual New Years Eve **Torchlight Parade** at Batawa Ski Hill kicked off 2009. A parade of skiers carried sparklers and fireworks lit up the top of the hill at midnight.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment held a training exercise in February in Batawa and ended their weekend enjoying the slopes at the Batawa Ski Hill. In February Batawa children gathered for a **Film Night** at what is now the Eastern Ontario Sustainable Building Centre.



The Batawa Ski Hill held events throughout the March Break, with the highlight being the annual **Rail Jam**.

In April, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Trenton brought the Easter Bunny to the Batawa Ski Hill. The day featured breakfast, a petting zoo, crafts and games, face painting, pony rides, fire truck rides, A Easter bonnet competition, and the infamous **Easter Egg Hunt**. April also included the **Quinte Trash Bash** with residents participating in a community clean-up.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church held their annual **Plant and Bake Sale** in May, raising funds for the church. The BDC distributed a complimentary flat of native plants to kick off preparations for the Lawn and Garden Contest in July.

The Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation held its first annual walk-a-thon "**BataWALK**" in June. Pledges were collected and participants walked throughout Batawa ending with a chairlift ride to the top of the Ski Hill.

Carleton University students joined Batawa at its annual Summer Solstice Celebration in June and held an exhibition featuring their summer architecture and industrial design projects. Guests walked up the five storey staircase at the Former Bata Shoe factory to witness the spectacle of the exhibit and share their feedback with the students. When the exhibit closed, the community bonfire was lit, with a BBQ from Cobbler's Gate. Music rose



around the bonfire compliments of local musician Robert Vance and Batawa residents who joined in. The evening ended with fireworks lighting up the sky from atop the former Bata Shoe factory by Batawa firefighters.



In July, Peter and Nancy McCulloch won Batawa's **Lawn and Garden Contest**, joined by Wayne Ukeniek, and Larry and Lorraine Tomchick. Batawa was home to the triathlon, mountain biking and the 5km trail run of the **Law and Enforcement Games**. CFB Trenton held their annual **Surf and Turf Race** in Batawa.



The Batawa Ski Hill had their most successful **Corn Roast and Concert** in August. Over 1000 people attended the BBQ and enjoyed 12 different local bands.

United Way's **Saddle Up** event paired with the Batawa Ski Hill's **Harvest at the Hill** in October. Saddle Up participants rode their horses through Batawa's trails and then returned to the Ski Hill to join in the festivities. Guests enjoyed pumpkin carving, a chili cook-off and seasonal treats.

The Batawa Ski Hill celebrated its 50th anniversary in November at the **Snow Ball Gala**. The event began with an exhibit at the ski chalet, a vignette of the Nutcracker ballet and exhibits from the National Ski Museum. Then guests worked their way to the Batawa Community Centre for a delicious meal by local Chef, Nelson Bridger, a silent auction, a photo station, a fashion show featuring historic and contemporary ski wear, and music by Beatles Tribute band "*All You Need Is Love*". Over 120 guests raised funds for the not for profit organization.



The City of Quinte West held their third annual **Frost Fest** in Batawa. Children enjoyed a breakfast with Santa Claus, crafts, a magic show, and wagon rides through the village. Batawa held its **Holiday Home Décor Contest**. Homes that were decorated for the holiday season received a gift from the BDC at the **Batawa Holiday Open House**.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The City of Quinte West continued its strong partnership with the BDC, starting work on the upgrades and expansion to the Batawa sewage treatment plant, securing funding and beginning the tendering process for the Batawa/Frankford water line, and starting work on the realignment of Highway 33 and the beginning of the Batawa Waterfront Trail.

WATERFRONT TRAIL

The BDC worked with the Friends of the Trail to create an innovative plan for a waterfront trail.

