



Batawa

To The Community of Batawa

Thank you to all Batawa residents for your continued patience during the construction activities in the south part of your community. In 2007, The City of Quinte West tendered and awarded a \$1.7 Million contract to McInroy Maines Construction Ltd to replace the water, sewer and roadways in the south Batawa. The City is very pleased to partner with the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario (COMRIF) to address and improve the infrastructure needs in your community. This funding combined with the Federal Gas Tax funds has allowed the City to upgrade the Batawa wastewater treatment plant and the water and wastewater systems which are over 40 years old. This has been a top priority for City Council for the past several years. When completed, this work will strengthen the community's infrastructure and improve the quality of life for the families in Batawa.

onset of winter so early last year, we were not able to complete work on King George Crescent. We are assured, by our contractor, that work will commence in early spring of 2008 with an anticipated completion, including final clean up and repairs of lawns and driveways, by the end of May 2008.

In 2007, the City also awarded the redesign of the Batawa Wastewater Treatment Plant to Totten Sims Hubicki. It is anticipated that this project will be tendered in early spring of 2008 with construction starting in the middle of the summer. Construction work at the treatment plant will consist of the replacement of the headworks, replacement of the undersized processes to alleviate bypassing of wastewater to the Trent River, new digesters, improvements to attain compliance with current codes and safety standards. The value of this work has been estimated at \$1.9 Million.

As 2008 begins, it brings with it one amalgamated municipal water and sewer enterprise with one consistent water and

sewer rate City wide. In addition, on January 01, 2008, one garbage bag tag will be used in any of the four wards. Batawa residents will now be billed for water and sewer on a consumption basis, or based on usage consumed through the new water meters. It is anticipated that your first water/sewer bill will be sent in February. Batawa residents will begin to see the benefits of water conservation practices, something the City of Quinte West encourages all residents to practice as summer approaches and our city strives to preserve its precious resources. Please visit the City of Quinte West's website for more information on water conservation.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this update and I wish you all a very safe and happy new year

Chris Angelo
Director of Public Works
City of Quinte West

In brief summary, last year all underground works (water and sewer lines) were replaced on Nelson, Haig and Bishop streets. With the



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PROGRESS IN BATAWA

2007 was an outstanding year for Batawa, concluding in early December with the approval of the new Secondary Plan for the community. We have ushered in the new year with the first of many studies that are required to kick start the various projects now slated for development. The first is the structural analysis of the former shoe factory. You may have noticed some excavation taking place and crews working there daily. Our development partners, working with us on the conversion of the factory into condominiums, have brought in teams to evaluate the structural integrity of this unique building that has its own story to tell about the community's history. The engineers working on the project marvel at the quality of concrete used to construct the factory back in 1939 and the excellent condition that they now find the building in.

making them more energy efficient. Look for some of the latest innovations to make their way to our community as we upgrade many aspects of their construction. Please spread the word that these buildings (3,000 and 2,000 sq. ft. respectively) will soon be available for lease.

In the months ahead, archaeological planning and engineering analysis will be conducted on the broader development area. In the mean time, the BDC office continues to receive inquiries from businesses interested in the proposed new business park. We ask all of you to spread the word to new or expanding businesses that Batawa is an ideal location. They can contact our office at gm@batawa.ca or 613-398-6111.

You will also see surveyors preparing topographic surveys of the 4 new lots at the end of King George Cres. These lots will be the site of 4 new homes in early spring. Design guidelines are now being developed and this process is being overseen personally by Mrs. Bata.

And work has begun on the renovation of the former Post Office and Bank of Montreal buildings in the town square. Over the next month or so you will see our crews renovating these buildings and



Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment

A special thanks to the community for once again hosting a military exercise held on January 25th-27th by the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. Camped out in the woods, throughout the property, the regiment created quite a spectacle as they appeared in unexpected places in full gear. They capped off the weekend with a ski trip to the Batawa Ski Hill. Welcome back Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment!



BUSINESS AMBASSADORS

There are no better ambassadors for our community than its residents and former residents. As our community begins to grow, you can each play a role by spreading the word to family, friends and colleagues world-wide that there are new opportunities to live and work in Batawa. As you travel and work, please make your friends and colleagues aware of the opportunities for new businesses to locate in

our growing community and soon for new families to call Batawa home. If you require information on the community, new business park, or opportunities in Batawa to pass along to your contacts, please contact the BDC office and we will prepare a kit for you and information to help you communicate details. We appreciate your assistance.

Batawa...beautiful by nature & design!

New Years Celebration!

Batawa Ski Hill was a brilliant spectacle of lights and fireworks on New Years Eve. At 10p.m. skiers found their way down the hill with torches in hand to close off skiing and kick off the party. DJ Scotty Lalonde of Rock 107 entertained with music and a light show in the chalet. At midnight the skies above Batawa lit up with a fireworks display sponsored by the Glen Miller General Store and Café. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate!

Quinte West Toasts Ten marked the 10th anniversary of the amalgamation of Quinte West. To kick off a year of celebrations, a black tie dinner was held at the Batawa Community Centre where it all began. When the new municipality was formed, council met in Batawa. 130 people danced to music performed by Doug Asseltine and the River City Swing Band, and enjoyed food prepared by Sans Souci.



Councillor Paul Kyte leads the Conga Line at the New Years Eve Gala

Batawa Ski Hill



January marks a busy month at the ski hill with:

- January 23rd, 2008 marks the first of a 6 part Terrain Park Competition that will take place every Wednesday starting at 6:30p.m.....Competitors fee is only \$5.00!
- January 23rd, 2008 A Burton Rep will be onsite doing demos all night long!
- January 25th, 2008 Batawa Ski Hill hosted the kickoff party for Quinte's Winterfest! Many people came out to the ski hill for a BBQ, live music and discounted rentals and lift tickets.

In February at the ski hill:

- February 6, 2008 A Burton Rep will be onsite doing demos all day. A Terrain Park competition all day.
- February 7th, 2008 College/University student nights, \$10.00 lift tickets all day.
- February 9th, 2008 Five week snow school program starts.
- February 13th, 2008 Terrain Park competition all day.
- February 14th, 2008 College/University student nights, \$10.00 lift tickets all day.
- February 16th, 2008 Belleville Winterfest all day
- February 20th, 2008 Terrain Park competition all day.
- February 21st, 2008 College/University student nights, \$10.00 lift tickets all day.
- February 27th, 2008 Terrain Park competition all day.
- February 28th, 2008 College/University student nights, \$10.00 lift tickets all day.

Batawa Ski Hill Hours of Operation:
Wednesday – Thursday 4:30p.m.- 10:00p.m.
Friday- Sunday 9:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.

December in Batawa

December in Batawa kicked off with the City of Quinte West's second annual **Frostfest**. The event catered to families, with a pancake breakfast, magic show, a visit from Santa Claus, a horse and wagon ride, crafts and activities. Over 300 children and their families enjoyed the day.

Batawa's kids had their own **Film Night and PJ Party** watching Shrek the Third and enjoying free popcorn and juice. The Batawa Lions Hall was packed with children nestled in blankets and watching the movie. Batawa will continue to have Children Film Nights and PJ Parties throughout 2008.

The Batawa Development Corporation held a **Holiday Open House** on December 17th to wish all our neighbours and friends a Happy Holiday and to celebrate Batawa's recent designation as a growth area. We wanted to thank everyone in the community for their strong support as we worked toward this goal over the past year. Our guests enjoyed cookies made by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, coffee, tea, and hot apple cider. We want to thank all who visited, including the mayor and several city councilors. Happy New Year!



Breakfast with Santa



Movie Night

Sacred Heart Catholic School EcoSchool Program

Sacred Heart Catholic School is in the initial stages of the EcoSchool program. The main goals of the program are to help schools reduce their energy consumption, minimize their waste, green their school grounds and teach staff and students to become more ecologically literate.

Walter Sepic, the EcoSchools co-ordinator for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, has already met with the teachers and Parent Council. Our core EcoTeam has been established. It includes our principal, teaching staff, the custodian, a parent and a student.

The focus for Sacred Heart Catholic School will be waste reduction and energy conservation. In

the near future, Mr. Sepic will join our EcoTeam during an assembly to introduce the program to all students in the school. The garbage audit conducted by Mr. Sepic is sure to peak everyone's interest. After the assembly a student representative from each classroom will join the core team.

Teachers have access to materials from a wide variety of sources to supplement and enhance the current Ministry curriculum. Through our participation in the EcoSchool program, we will encourage our students to become environmentally-minded global citizens.

Catharine Shoniker
 Principal
 Sacred Heart Catholic School

