

# "Mini" Champlain Express

February 2017

## From the Mayor's Desk...

This year is a special year for all of us as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada. I'm sure that everyone will find an event to attend to demonstrate our love for the wonderful country that we call home.

On a personal note this year will probably be very busy for myself. As you have probably heard, I have additional duties to fulfill this year as I am the Warden of the United Counties of Prescott-Russell. Rest assured that our Township remains very important to me and I will always be available. If you wish to speak to me, please contact my secretary (Diane Alexander) and she will return your call.

One date to keep in mind for this year is Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. On this day we will have the official opening of Sacha's Park in L'Original. This park built in memory of Sacha Chenier is a fully accessible facility for everyone. The access to the property as well as the play structures are properly designed to allow everyone to participate in all of the activities.

At the present time we are in the process of settling our budget for 2017. It is always a struggle for us

to provide you with adequate facilities, good services, etc. in all areas while maintaining our expenditures at a reasonable level. We have to adjust to rising costs for policing, hydro, etc. while we also receive less money through our Provincial partnership. With your support we will do our best to continue to make Champlain a great place to live.



A reminder to everyone: if you need assistance after hours, please call 613-632-4111 and this dispatch service will contact our Township employees. Emergency calls, should you need POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE service should be made directly to 911.

On behalf of our Council and staff, I would like to wish each of you:

*Best wishes for a prosperous 2017!*

Gary J. Barton  
Mayor

## Champlain Carnival: New Formula in 2017!

Have your mittens, scarf and boots ready between February 17 and 20, 2017... It's Carnival time in Champlain Township!

This year, programming will be spread over these four days in Van-kleek Hill and L'Original. This year's theme is "Celebrating our Heritage", to tie in with our country's 150th anniversary.

This year, we are adding other fun activities to our popular events. The roster will include a magic show, an ice bar/sliding hill on a



baseball diamond, a Skating Club Casino Night, a Sunday breakfast, a Vintage Ski Doo Run, a Rib

Cook-Off, a Synchro Skating Club show, as well as pickup and regular hockey games, a Scavenger Hunt, broomball, tug-o-war and bed races.

To consult the complete schedule of events, please consult our website on a regular basis as we will update any additional information. Come and have fun!

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