













## Town of Heart's Delight-Islington Christmas Message 2015

## Mayor's Report by Clayton Branton

2015 is quickly coming to an end and Council has had a very busy year trying to keep up with the everyday issues of running a Town. The overall cost has increased significantly and will continue to do so. The assessed Values of our properties have increased considerably. We are now working diligently to reduce the mill rate in next year's budget. Just a reminder for those of you who have outstanding taxes; please ensure that your tax is paid in full by year end.

On a lighter note, please join us in celebrating the many Christmas Events around the community. On <u>December  $4^{th}$ , at 7:00 pm</u> we will hold our annual tree lighting. The Salvation Army will be along to help us ring in the Christmas Season. A snack will be provided. Let's not forget the less fortunate this season, non perishable food items will be collected.

On <u>December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm</u>, we will hold our annual Seniors Christmas Dinner at St. Matthews Church Hall. All seniors in the community, 65 years and older are invited to attend. Come along and enjoy the evening. One bottle of complimentary wine will be provided on each table; there will be no bar, but please feel free to bring your own.

The annual Santa Claus Parade will be held on <u>December 12<sup>th</sup></u>, <u>starting at 10:00 am</u> weather permitting. Everyone is encouraged to get out and get their floats ready. The more floats we have, the better our parade will be.

Over the past few years, our Fire Department has seen a decrease in the number of chimney fires. This is excellent news! In an attempt to keep the occurrence of chimney fires down, we ask that Town residents ensure their pipes and chimneys are cleaned out as the winter season approaches.

With Christmas on the way, our Fire Department would like to pass along the following safety tips:

- When putting up outside lighting please make sure to tape your outside plugs to keep them dry from rain and snow
- If using a real Christmas tree, please don't forget to keep it watered.
- Once the snow arrives, it would be a tremendous help to make sure any fire hydrants near your home are free from snow.

Recreation Committee - Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, <u>December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.</u>

I have enjoyed very much serving as your Mayor this year and look forward to serving you in the New Year. On that note, on behalf of myself, the Councillors, Staff and members of our Volunteer Organizations, we wish everyone a Happy, Peaceful Christmas and a Safe, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Clayton Branton Mayor

Emergency Number for Fire & Ambulance Service