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## *Town of Heart's Delight - Islington Christmas Message 2016*

### Mayor's Report by Clayton Branton

Another year has passed and 2016 will soon be a memory. The overall cost of running the Town has increased significantly. The assessed values of our properties did not see an increase this year. We are now working diligently to prepare next year's budget. It now appears that our mill rate will remain the same. Just a reminder for those of you who have outstanding taxes; please ensure that your tax is paid in full by year end.

Our Town has undertaken some changes this year. We now have committees in place to help clean up our Town and bring it to another level. We urge all property owners to take pride in our community and keep your properties neat and tidy.

We have repaired some roads and paved others; that has always cost extra money every year. We will continue to repair and pave roads next year.

We did a complete renovation of our War Memorial, which was cost shared with Veterans Affairs. Phase 1 is now complete and we hope to complete phase 2 next year.

We purchased another ambulance. Our ambulances are now secure for another six or seven years.

Please join us in celebrating the many Christmas Events around the community. On December 2<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm we will hold our annual tree lighting. As you will notice, our old tree is gone, it outlived its usefulness. A new one has been installed. 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 December 3<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, we will hold our annual Seniors Christmas Dinner at Epiphany Centre All seniors in the community, 65 years and older are invited to attend. Come along and enjoy the evening.

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

Our Fire Department continues to be very active. They are a dedicated group of volunteers who train often to ensure the safety of our community. As winter approaches, they would like to remind residents to be very cautious with heating units, ensure that everything is in good working order and chimneys are clear and fire alarms are working. Also take care with Christmas lights and candles. Remember one of the fireman's logos; let's go to your home for dinner, not because of it.

The Recreation Committees Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring your kids along and help make it a success! Our Town Day was a tremendous success this year and our thanks goes out to the Recreation Committee.

Our Library Committee still works hard to keep the library running. They still host a weekly coffee hour. The library is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Our thanks goes out to the Library Committee.

Our Ambulance Service continues to provide a vital service to our Community and to the other Towns in our area. We have eight dedicated staff members who are on call 24/7. If you require the ambulance service please call 911 or our emergency line at 588-2333 and leave your name, number, and location.

We would like to thank the Marina Committee for their perseverance and dedication in order to obtain funding to enhance the marina by installing more docks.

*I have enjoyed very much serving as your Mayor again this year  
and look forward to serving you in 2017.  
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

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Fire & Ambulance Service***

**911 or 588-2333**