

# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Town of Norris Point  
December 2008

Mayor's Message

As Mayor of Norris Point it gives me great pleasure to bring greetings to all residents of Norris Point from myself, Councillors & Staff. Also we wish one and all a Happy New Year and hope it is a productive and prosperous one. This past year was quite challenging and trying for the Council at times. There were a number of events/happenings that required professional advice, some will continue into 2009. Hopefully they will conclude to everyone's satisfaction.

This is a wonderful town to live in and raise a family. Norris Point is becoming a popular destination for many people from all parts of our province, country and other parts of the world. We should take great pride in what we have here and what we have to offer others.

Some highlights for 2008/09;

- One of our Councillors (Mr. George Tucker) was elected vice-chairperson of the Red Ochre Regional Board. Good Luck George!
- Improvements and beautification of our waterfront has started and will be completed in the spring.
- Norris Point won the Tidy Towns Award for 2008 in the population category 501-700. This is twice in three years. Also we were presented with an award recognizing Tidiness, Natural Beauty and Community involvement. Thank you residents and keep up the good work.
- The Town has submitted an application to Government for funding to do Paving/recapping of all the local roads in the Town in 2009, as well as funding for some new water and sewer upgrades.
- On August 10, 11, & 12, 2009 Norris Point will be host to the Bartlett Ship Celebrations. More information to be announced in the new year.
- Plans are now being put in place for a Come Home Year/50th Anniversary Celebrations for July 2010 by a Committee of Volunteers.
- With Cooperation from some of our residents and the RCMP there is a Neighbourhood Watch Program in progress.
- Two Blood Donor Clinics were held in Norris Point this year. When they are scheduled in 2009, please get out and give the Gift of Life.

With all the challenges of 2008 it is still a pleasure serving the residents of Norris Point and we look forward to 2009. Once again on behalf of myself, Councillors

and Staff, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

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### High Speed Internet:

- High Speed internet should be available by the end of the month. Aliant crews have been working in the area for weeks now to make this happen.

### Safety at Christmas:

- Check all lights and fixtures to ensure they are working properly.
- Ensure that your natural tree has plenty of water.
- Please don't drink and drive.
- Check all smoke detectors to make sure they are working.

### Snow Clearing:

- As in prior years all residents are encouraged not to throw snow onto the roadway or around hydrants when you are clearing your driveway. This poses a safety hazard to drivers and pedestrians.
- Damages as a result of snowclearing will not be the responsibility of the Town.

### Fire Department:

- Norris Point Council on behalf of the Fire Department has requested emergency funding to assist in providing new pagers for all its members.
- The annual Fire Department Christmas Party will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets will be available soon.

### Town Hall:

- A new Sound System has been ordered for the Town Hall and should be installed over the next few weeks.

### Garbage Collection:

- Due to the Christmas Holiday on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> garbage collection will be changed to Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> for that week only.

### Budget 2009:

- No tax increase!
- Again this year we have been able to balance the budget for 2009 without a tax increase. Many thanks to our staff for keeping everything within Budget.  
Thanks to our residents for their cooperation in getting their taxes paid before the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. There were very few overdue accounts this year that resulted in services being cut or being sent to Collections. We need all tax dollars to pay the bills. Thanks again for your cooperation.

Happy Holidays!