

March 1, 2007

Dear Fellow Resident,

Re: Collingwood Sesquicentennial 2008

The Town of Collingwood will celebrate its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary in 2008 and plans to recognize this milestone event have already begun. However, there is a lot to do between now and 2008 and the ideas and assistance of the community are needed to ensure this anniversary is a memorable one for past and present residents of Collingwood.

To date, a formal sesquicentennial committee has been formed and a tentative timeline has been created. The festivities will run throughout 2008 with a combination of previously established and newly created events all promoted as sesquicentennial or 'sesquicentennial edition' events. In addition, ten dedicated celebration days are scheduled from Friday, June 27th to Sunday, July 6th, 2008. In order for this to come together, it is our hope that:

- organizations currently hosting annual events would commit to hosting a sesquicentennial edition of their event in 2008
- additional sesquicentennial events and activities would be spearheaded by service clubs, non-profit organizations, schools, and community associations
- as business leaders you would consider making a donation, becoming a sponsor, or purchasing an advertisement in the various sesquicentennial promotional materials that will be developed, including a full-year sesquicentennial event listing and guide
- individuals and community groups would consider volunteering their time to these endeavours
- as residents of Collingwood you would provide us with your suggestions as to additional or alternative ways in which we should celebrate this anniversary

We hope you share in our excitement of this upcoming celebration and trust that you too view it as a great opportunity to showcase the successes of Collingwood present, pay tribute to Collingwood's past, and impart a vision of Collingwood's future. Please take the time to complete and return the accompanying form indicating the ways in which you would consider becoming involved. Of course any assistance would be appreciated, but we've made a few suggestions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Don Paul
Chair, Collingwood Sesquicentennial Committee

