



### The Holiday Season Lights Up Batawa

The lights on Batawa's new Christmas tree were turned on in time for Sacred Heart's annual live-reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol on December 5<sup>th</sup>. 46 strands of LED lights were donated by Mrs. Bata to help brighten the community for the holiday season. The Dalton Company, currently working on transforming the Shoe Factory, generously volunteered their time (and sky-lift) to help the BDC Property Team put the lights up on such a large tree. A big thank you to everyone involved!

### Dickens Brings the Community Together

The Ladies of Sacred Heart report that the Dickens Christmas Carol on December 5<sup>th</sup> was a success. They would like to thank the community for their support. **Upcoming Event:** Christmas Mass will be at 10 am.



### Christmas Card Contest Winner 2014

Mrs. Bata stopped into Sacred Heart School recently to present the winner of this year's Christmas card design contest with his prize, an e-Reader, as well as treats for all the kids in the school. Congratulations to Dylan Ray, whose mother and grandmother were also in attendance. A big thank you to all the kids for singing such nice songs to Mrs. Bata. **Upcoming Events:** Sacred Heart School's Family Mass, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Last day of school before the holidays, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

# Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



## Batawa Lions Playground Construction

The Batawa Lions Playground construction has begun! Phase 1 will be completed by 19 December and feature a new log play area and hill slide. The next phase will be completed in the spring of 2015 and a grand opening will occur in late June 2015. This playground is the only one of its kind between Toronto and Ottawa. This environmentally friendly, all natural playground will feature hill slides, a log swing set, log play area, an outdoor classroom, picnic area, and plenty of shade trees

and gardens. The playground will also be equipped with the newest in LED lighting technology to create a safe and friendly nighttime environment. Stay tuned for more information in the new year as the Batawa Lions continue this project. There will be a fundraising campaign for people to purchase benches and trees, plus many more opportunities to help with this unique, Batawa project. For more information you may contact Jeff Moorhouse at 613.398.0165. The playground committee is always looking for more help. Help make Batawa the best place to live!

## Sneak Peak Success at Batawa Ski Hill

Mayor Jim Harrison took the first chairlift ride of the season with young skier Thomas Bailey and Canadian Ski Patroller Andrew Larcombe at “Sneak Peak” Weekend. Eager skiers and snowboarders began arriving at 8:30 for the chance to make first tracks on the fresh snow. 7 of the hill’s 9 runs were open, including the popular terrain park, thanks to state-of-the-art snowmaking technology installed last year and improved again this year. Official opening follows on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Batawa Draws Big Crowds at Craft Fusion

The most successful Christmas Craft Fusion yet occurred in Batawa in late November. Well over 300 guests swarmed into the Community Centre to see (and buy!) unique handcrafted items from over 35 vendors. Special thanks go to Grills Orchard for providing complimentary apple cider for all the guests, as well as to the Batawa Lions club for volunteering their time to gift wrap all items for kids ages 13 and under.

## Community Reminders

- The BDC office has a fax, scan, print, and photocopy service available.
- The “Roots of Hockey Fundraising Dinner” in support of *Soldier On* and the *Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation* is Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$60, available at the BDC office.

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