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## The Batawa Bulletin

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**The new Batawa Lions Club playground will open on June 27<sup>th</sup>. This natural playground is the only one of its kind between Montreal and Toronto.**

### GRAND OPENING OF PLAYGROUND SATURDAY

After progress over the course of several weeks last fall and this spring, the sod is about to be laid down to finish the park, and the ribbon will be ready to cut!

The whole community of Batawa is invited to join officials from the City of Quinte West as well as the Batawa Lions Club to officially open the new community playground on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

The opening ceremony will occur at 11:30 am, to be followed by live music by Andy Forgie from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm.

A BBQ will be held from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, with funds raised going to help cover the cost of the new playground.

The Batawa Firefighters will also have their fire trucks on hand for the kids to see.

Congratulations to the Lions Club and the City of Quinte West for all of the hard work that has gone into creating this cutting-edge new community park, designed by Earthscape of Elmira/Toronto. The natural playground is unique to the region between Toronto and

Montreal and incorporates elements of the latest in outdoor education research.

### WELCOME, KEVIN!

Kevin Romanick of Batawa has joined the Batawa Development Corporation recently as our Summer Stewardship Intern.

Kevin has lived for 20 years in Batawa, and will be starting his fourth year at the University of Ottawa this fall for a Bachelor of Science in Human Kinetics.

Kevin has been a ski instructor at Batawa Ski Hill for several years, and also volunteered with the BDC property team in 2012.





## New Blog Series on [www.batawa.ca](http://www.batawa.ca)

The Batawa team has started a new blog series on [www.batawa.ca](http://www.batawa.ca) as a way of giving a “behind the scenes” chronicle of our activities in the community. Four blogs have been posted already, including the one reprinted below from Judi Clark. Find the rest on our website!

### Craft Fusion Success!

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So many happy faces dropped by the office this week, since they were lucky winners of a door prize at Craft Fusion, held at the community centre. One winner said she was an employee of the Shoe Factory in Batawa for 23 years until they closed. She told me about her love for her job and how much she missed working at the factory.

The over 200 guests really seemed to enjoy the displays of local artwork and crafts. Many guests commented on the uniqueness and high quality of the show. One gentlemen said of the many shows he has attended, it was the best. This made my day after all the work that has gone into it!

It's interesting to note that the top three ways the guests heard of the show were from the newspaper, word of mouth, and road signs. As the event progressed, it seemed to be a gathering place to reconnect with friends and fellow craftsman. It was nice to see the fellowship unfold.

The delicious lunch and baking provided by Sweet Caroline from the Quinte Arts Council made for a nice break in the day to sit down and enjoy a meal or a coffee, and to bring home some treats for the family. Painted Ladies had just returned to Canada from Florida and arrived just in time to set up their display, and what a display it was!

Plans are already underway here for Christmas Craft Fusion on November 21<sup>st</sup>, a very festive occasion and a great place to shop for a variety of one of a kind gifts for the special people in our lives. Hope to see you there!

*-Judi Clark, Community Development Coordinator*

### LIONS SEND KIDS TO CAMP

Batawa Lions Club volunteers wish to thank everyone who supported their Yard Sale and BBQ, and most importantly, for their generosity in donating items to the sale.

The money raised will send five Batawa kids to enjoy the fun and rewards of summer camp this year. Thanks everyone!



**Batawa will celebrate Canada Day again this year with a display of 100 flags.**

## *Batawa ... beautiful by nature & design*

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