



Mayor's Report to the  
December 11, 2017 Council Meeting

**Ashley Grigg and Carrie McIntosh**

You are all familiar with Ashley Grigg, our City Clerk who has been guiding us through our Council meetings since 2010.

I am sad to say that Ashley will no longer be guiding us through our meetings, however, she will be joining us at the staff table as our new Director of Community Services and Economic Development.

Ashley, we wish you all the best in your new role and know you will bring your same professionalism and enthusiasm to this new role as you did as our City Clerk.

Recruitment is now under way for a replacement. These are big shoes to fill.

I would also like to welcome Carrie McIntosh who has assumed her new role as Deputy Clerk.

We will be seeing a lot more of Carrie here in the council chambers.

**Santa Claus Parade**

Thank you to the businesses, organizations and individuals who took the time to decorate their floats, cars, trucks, motorcycles, four-wheelers, musical instruments, pets and themselves to bring life and light to our annual Santa Claus Parade.

Judging by the crowds on the streets, it was very much appreciated.

**New Year's Eve**

Celebrations to bring in 2018 will start at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. ending with fireworks at 6:00 p.m.

Bring out the whole family for fun, games, swimming, skating and lots more.

## **New Year's Levee**

I will be hosting my annual New Year's Levee on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 – 3 p.m. at City Hall. Please stop by to say hello.

## **Free Family Skates over the holidays**

Tim Horton's will be sponsoring Free Family Skates at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre on December 23 and 30 at 7 pm and January 2 and 5 at 1:30 pm. Come out with the family and PORTicipate.

## **USS Little Rock**

The USS Little Rock, a new Freedom-Class littoral combat ship (that means it operates close to shore) of the US Navy is being commissioned on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in Buffalo Harbour. We have unconfirmed reports that she will then travel through the Welland Canal some time between December 17 and 19. Watch for posts on our facebook and twitter accounts and come out and greet her as she passes through.