



Linda Taylor-Hall - General Manager's Report (2013-14)

Since our last AGM, we have seen the continuation of the NCB concert series (4th season). The concerts included themed titles, as "Shall we Dance?" (which involved contra-dancing and waltzing), "Tis the Season", "From Russia With Love", and the long awaited "May the Fourth Be With You". Many thanks to members of the Capital City Garrison – 501st legion who, along with band participants, provided costumed characters from Star Wars and beyond. Thanks, also, to the many band members who have helped schedule concerts; promote concerts; move and set up equipment; bake, sell, wrap and eat baked goods; or contribute to our concert success in any way this year: special thanks to Cairine Thomas for her enthusiasm in creating banners, costumes and Starfleet emblems for Terry and the band.

This year saw the NCB continue with its "Summer Series" at AHP, a tradition since 1988. In addition, we carried on with other popular concerts: MDR Italian Festival in May and our pilgrimage to the Lake George Community Band Festival in July. These performances are again planned for this year.

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Municipality of Cantley in June, with a fine performance under the tent. Also, we participated in the inauguration of the SoundWaves Riverfront concert series held at Jacques Cartier Park in September. Finally, we performed at two Christmas concerts: one at the Court at Barrhaven, the other at WHS with the combined bands of both the WHS Band and the feeder school bands. It was a thrill to see the excitement of the elementary school students perform along side the more seasoned players.

The NCB strives towards its continued commitment to serving the community through performance excellence.