

Linda Taylor-Hall - General Manager's Report (2015-16)

Since our last AGM, we have seen the continuation of the NCB concert series (6th edition). The concerts this year included ideas about travel from *Buggie Rides* to *Flight* in outer space with our fall concert, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles". Our "Christmas in the Air" concert featured the inspired choir from St. Andrew's, under the direction of Mr. Terry Duncan. "In the Key of Sea" had a nautical flavor, including a musical interpretation of *Moby Dick*. Our concert series ended in April with selections about the "Pioneer Spirit".

At this point, we welcomed our summer band members. They celebrated with us in the annual performance at the MDR Italian Festival, the SoundWaves Riverfront Series and the Summer Series (the last two being held at our favourite venue: Andrew Haydon Park). Due to scheduling conflicts, we performed 5 concerts instead of our regular 6 at AHP. While Terry was able to get away to P.E.I with his family on a well-deserved break, the NCB was under the truly capable baton of Mary Blais.

The summer would not complete without our pilgrimage to the beautiful shores of Lake George for their festival.

Many thanks to Tanya Chang for her enlightening series of "Spotlight" on NCB members. We have certainly learned much more about who may be sitting beside you at band rehearsal!

The NCB has a strong core of dedicated musicians, supplemented by our summer members, who continue to share the love of music through their excellence of performance in the community.