**Linda Taylor-Hall – General Manager’s Report (2017-18)**

Our 2017-18 season has seen a variety of musical themes and concerts. We opened up the Spring Concert, titled “As Seen on TV”, with fun and entertaining music from the small screen. Many of our audience members recognized television shows from the iconic “Get Smart” and “Star Trek” to the more modern “I am the Doctor (from Doctor Who)”.

We brought some of this music, as well as classic band repertoire to the Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre (PRVHC) in May. The audience was absolutely thrilled to hear the band perform.

We continued our Summer Series at Andrew Haydon Park in the summer of 2018. Unfortunately, half of the concerts had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Fortunately, this gave us extra time to rehearse for our next concert!

We were able to successfully perform at AHP for the SoundWaves Riverfront Series this summer. Our annual trek to the Lake George Band Festival was postponed for one year (2018). We will recommence our trek to the lovely shores of Lake George in the summer of 2019.

Our fall concert, “Contrasts”, had musical selections ranging from Dragons to Butterflies and Bees. The “Christmastime” concert brought seasonal music to our audience at City View United Church. We were extremely fortunate to have their church organist, Jiri Hlavacek, NCB’s former conductor, perform the challenging Finale from Saint-Saens’ “Symphony No.3”, better known as the “Organ Symphony”.

NCB was able to provide music for both the young and the old in December. We performed at Woodroffe High School, along side WHS band members under the direction of Terry Duncan. What a delight for both ensembles!

Our final performance of 2018 was Christmas music for an enthusiastic audience at the Courts of Barrhaven.

NCB regular and summer band members continue to strive for musical excellence of performance in the community.