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A Few Words from **Kerry Painter, CFE**
President & General Manager,
Niagara Convention & Civic Centre

President's Message



At this time, when the young among us are looking forward to their summer holidays or graduating onto higher learning opportunities, we must remember that education is lifelong, there are no breaks and there is always a role for everyone to play. Two weeks ago, I, and two other NCCC staff members, spent a week at the **Public Assembly Facility Management School (PAFMS)** at the Oglebay Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia. This is great program in where attendees/students are provided a focused educational experience dedicated to developing personal and professional growth. It's always amazing to me that not only do the students get a wonderful education and networking benefits but the instructors (which I'm one) gain the same benefits. I attended PAFMS as a student 12 years ago and although I have lived most of the lessons conducted, every year I discover there's always a new or better way to approach the same situation or challenge. My advice, with my new professor insights, is **'Never stand still, keep growing.'** Today, there are a countless number of career possibilities for your children to choose from, far beyond what our imaginations could have thought not so very long ago. Think about mentoring, your life/career experiences may spark a great change, inspire a young student at a local school or even a co-worker at your company. I encourage you to make a difference in someone's life by being both a lifelong student and educator.

Halfway through the year already! In our last newsletter, we were hinting of things to come in late spring and early summer. Events like our very successful **UnBirthday**, a **Topping Off**, and most recently, a **Monster Truck Block Party Jam!** In this newsletter you'll read more about what the Centre and its staff have been up to in the last few months. What's up ahead? Well that you'll have to wait and see. See you again in September!

BITS & LINKS

Construction Update
See the 'latest' through
our LIVE Construction
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Careers at the NCCC
The Centre is currently
searching for a few good
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PICTURES: (Far Left) **Kerry Painter** providing her professional insights at one of the many classes at PAFMS; (Left) **Jeff Dixon**, NCCC Director of Sales & Marketing, receives his certificate after completing the two-year PAFMS program.

COUNTDOWN TO GRAND OPENING!



Marking the one year countdown towards its grand opening, the **Niagara Convention & Civic Centre** unconventionally celebrated its first 'UnBirthday' by gathering the region's political and business elite to 'toast' the Centre's many recent achievements and the promise of things to come.

At a luncheon and cocktail reception this past May 6th & 7th, hosted by the **Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce** and the **St.Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce**, **Kerry Painter** (pictured above) provided guests an overview of what has been achieved since groundbreaking, including the successful confirmation of 174 event days and the hold/negotiation of 271. Kerry outlined other items scheduled for later this year, including: a Monster Truck Block Party; the **Design YOUR DAY wedding contest** ([Register Online!](#)); a new Centre Website re-launch; and much more! It's certainly going to be a fun ride all the way to April 2011!

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NCCC STAFF

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE!



ABOVE – Niagara Falls MPP **Kim Craitor** addresses a crowd of special guests and Bondfield workers as (L-R) Niagara Regional Chair **Peter Partington**, Niagara Falls Mayor **Ted Salci**, and NCCC President **Kerry Painter** look on.

TOPPING OFF!

Completion of the Centre's main steel structure and roof occurred exactly one year 'after' groundbreaking and one year 'before' the grand opening. The symmetry was not lost on those present at a special ceremony held at the Niagara Convention & Civic Centre construction site on April 30th. Niagara Falls Mayor **Ted Salci**, along with Niagara Falls MPP **Kim Craitor**, Niagara Regional Chair **Peter Partington**, Bondfield Construction Ltd. Vice President, **John Aquino**, and NCCC President **Kerry Painter**, addressed a crowd of special guests and Bondfield Construction workers.

"We are proud to be working with Bondfield Construction on this project and are very pleased to celebrate their efforts and the great work of their employees as they keep the construction of the NCCC on time for its planned opening in 2011," said Mayor Ted Salci.

"They are the heart and soul of this project," said John Aquino, paying tribute to his workers and subcontractors for the exemplary job they are doing towards completing the Centre on-time and on-budget.

Dir. of 'OPS' Joins Team!



The Niagara Convention & Civic Centre is proud to announce a new addition to its growing family. **Andrew Poultney** (pictured above) has joined the NCCC team, performing the many tasks and duties entrusted to the watchful eyes of the **Director of Operations**. Drawing from many years' experience in facility management and operations, Andrew is looking forward to all the challenges this position holds. "It's certainly been quite a fun start," he says, referring to the hectic rollercoaster of meetings and on-site inspections in the first few weeks since he came on-board. As Director of 'Ops', he will ensure the smooth operation of the Centre -- overseeing everything from the efficiency of everyday processes to maintaining the 'green' standards under the Centre's LEED** Silver designation. The NCCC warmly welcomes Andrew!

If you're interested in applying your talents 'unconventionally', please visit us online at: www.fallsconventions.com or contact us via email at: careers@fallsconventions.com

The Niagara Convention & Civic Centre is designed and being built to achieve **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification. For more information, visit the Canada Green Building Council website.

Kerry Painter concluded the ceremony by saying, "We are most thankful to Bondfield [Construction Ltd.] for such a great design and such a talented group of builders. Today is a very special day in the progress of this project."

To view the construction progress, visit the Centre's Web cam at: www.fallsconventions.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS



ABOVE – Gathered around the massive Crazy Train are NCCC staff members: (L–R) Andrew Poultney, Kerry Painter, Shannon Valeriote, Terri Seymour, Jeff Dixon, Missy Hirons, Kayley O'Brien, and Jen Morozuk (CO–OP).

Committed to making a positive difference in the local community and the region, the Niagara Convention & Civic Centre hosted a special **Monster Truck Block Party Jam** on Saturday, June 12th. Niagara Falls elementary school students who had distinguished themselves, through academic achievement and/or positive character trait qualities, were invited join Centre staff for a few hours of fun under the sun. The end of school jam, held next to where construction on the Centre continues, proved to be a roaring success with boys and girls. Monster trucks **Shockwave** and **Crazy Train** were on site with their drivers, displaying these impressive 10,000 lbs machines. Along with games and other activities, children and their families enjoyed free pizza, snacks and prizes.

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