

An Open Invitation to Join South Stormont Residents as We Celebrate:

As Mayor of the Township of South Stormont, it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you to join the Township of South Stormont Beacon 50 celebration. *Beacon 50* is a six-day celebration of our township: its history, culture, commerce, agriculture, tourism, and future—our youth. June 26, 2009 marks 50 years since Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II officially opened the St. Lawrence Seaway, an international megaproject that physically redefined the southern aspect of our township. **From June 26 to Canada Day, July 1, 2009, we will celebrate the past 50 years of change and growth while shining a light on our very positive future.**

To symbolize that focus, each night will be host to the lighting of a riverfront beacon along the Old Front in proximity to the sites of the villages lost to the Seaway. By July 1st we will have a stunning display, lighting up the future from the foundations of our past. Each day will highlight one of the elements that make South Stormont one of the jewels of the St. Lawrence River. Events such as Agriculture Day, Family Day and a Celtic festival will showcase and engage our citizens and our neighbours in celebration.

Please visit our website often; as final arrangements are made for exciting events they will be posted here as *Beacon 50* continues to expand over the next year. We look forward to providing you with all of the details so that you will be able to participate with the celebration of this historic event.

On behalf of the Township of South Stormont, I hope to welcome you to this milestone event in our township's history.

Sincerely,

*Bryan McGillis*  
Mayor



## **BEACON 50**

**"50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway"**

**SOUTH STORMONT ~ JUNE 26 TO JULY 1, 2009**

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