



Bulletin de FALLINGBROOK Newsletter



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Alex and Kira Win Top Spot

Rousing melody and vibrant enthusiasm for the music got these two youngsters from Orléans noticed when they entered a recent national contest hosted by *The Family Channel*. Contestants were asked to submit a video performing any song from Disney's smash hit "High School Musical", in promotion of the much anticipated summer release of the sequel, "High School Musical II". Voting was done on *The Family Channel* web site and was open to all.

Alex Lacasse and Kira Isabella were thrilled to find out they won a trip for four to Toronto; but best of all, they will sing both the Canadian and American National anthems at the 2008 opening game for the Toronto Blue Jays.

The *Fallingbrook Community Association* extends its congratulations to Alex and Kira on this latest achievement! For more information on our community "stars", visit www.AlexAndKira.com or www.Alex-Lacasse.com.

Passport clinic ensures east-enders are 'passport ready'

A jump in the Canadian dollar has heads turning southward for shopping and travel destinations. Canadians must remember, however, that come January, crossing the border will require a valid passport.

Royal Galipeau, Ottawa-Orléans MP and deputy chair of committees of the whole, encouraged constituents to start looking into the application process by hosting the first ever east-end passport clinic, on September 8. "With increased border security and high volumes of Canadians traveling, it's necessary to plan ahead so you have your passport before your date of departure," he emphasized.

Galipeau went on to explain that, with the proximity of his constituency to the American border, those traveling into the United States by car will require passport documentation. This equates to an increase in demand for passports. Although the journey to the Passport Canada office on Sparks Street does not sound onerous, the trip can be inconvenient, especially when everyone else in the region is making the same journey. "Constituents are faced with having to go downtown, find parking, and face the line-ups, often with lengthy waits," he stated, "and all during government business hours." Galipeau's passport clinic certainly solved these problems.

The clinic was held at Galipeau's constituency office, 255 Centrum Blvd. Orléans, on a Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This meant that families working Monday to Friday could attend without missing work. The constituency office, situated in the former Cumberland township hall, offered abundant free parking, enabling participants to also

avoid downtown traffic. Liz Fournier, a passport clinic attendee, was thrilled with the convenience of the clinic. "I am sure we finished in less time than it would have taken us to drive downtown and park our car."

As Ottawa-Orléans residents arrived, they were greeted with a handshake from Mr. Galipeau, a busy staff, and Passport Canada agents, ready to help answer application questions or take applications for processing. Christina Héту, Ottawa-Orléans constituent, shared her positive experience. "It was very much appreciated and, from what I was hearing around me, the other passport applicants felt so too. I dreaded having to take a day off and go downtown but this

**Passport Clinic
Saturday
24 November 2007**

alternative worked. The service was friendly and I was processed in one and a half hours. Overall, it was a pleasant experience. It was nice to have seating, coffee and cookies and the pleasantries of relaxed people around me." Further to the success of this event was the number of applications that were processed. In

seven short hours, 207 applications were submitted. Of those, 180 were successfully processed.

The tremendous turnout and positive feedback from those who attended this passport clinic has prompted Mr. Galipeau to schedule another. Constituents of Ottawa-Orléans, mark your calendars. The next passport clinic will be held Saturday, November 24, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

"I like to bring government service to the people," Galipeau stressed, "It is my hope that these clinics will aid in their travel plans. Bonne voyage!"



Fallingbrook SummerFest

This past August long weekend (Civic holiday), the *Fallingbrook Community Association* (FCA) hosted its 2nd SummerFest event on the grounds of the Ray Friel Recreation Centre over a 4 day period. It featured amusement rides and on the Sunday only, a special main stage entertainment for the whole family was provided. The amusement rides, as always, were a hit with the young families in our community.

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Make Your



Mark!

**L'exécutif de l'Association communautaire
Fallingbrook pour l'année 2007-08**

**Fallingbrook Community Association
2007-08 Executive List**

L'Association communautaire Fallingbrook aimerait vous souhaiter la bienvenue dans notre communauté. Nous invitons toute personne intéressée à une de nos réunions. Les réunions ont habituellement lieu le troisième lundi du mois (septembre à avril).

The Fallingbrook Community Association would like to welcome you to the neighborhood. If you would like to attend one of our executive meetings, they are normally held the third Monday of the month (Sep to Apr).

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**Fallingbrook Outdoor Rinks
Rink Attendants Wanted!**

The Fallingbrook Community Association receives grants from the City of Ottawa to maintain the three outdoor rinks in the Fallingbrook community. Rinks are located at Fallingbrook School, Jeanne Sauve School and MapleRidge School.

To maintain the rinks during the season we require responsible youth 16 years of age or greater to serve as Rink Attendants. The attendants will provide supervision of the rinks Mon-Fri from 5-9 pm and Sat/Sun from noon to 9 pm. While there are

several paid positions available (at \$8/hour), we also accept students who are looking to earn high school volunteer hours.

If you would like further information check out our web page:
www.fallingbrook.com.

Applications may be sent to Nick O'Connell, the FCA Outdoor Rinks Supervisor, at:
nick_oconnell@msn.com.



**Election Reform
Referendum Vote on 10 October**

In conjunction with the election of our riding candidate on October 10th, Fallingbrook residents will also be asked to make a vote on the referendum that is proposing election reform.

With our current electoral system, the candidate who obtains the most votes in a riding is declared the winner. This is known as a "First-Past-the-Post" election, since like in a race, the runner who crosses the finishing post first wins. It doesn't matter how close the race - or election - actually was, there is only one winner.

In Ontario today we have 107 electoral districts or ridings, and Fallingbrook is part of the Ottawa-Orléans district. There are five candidates in the race to be declared our MPP: Jeremy Atkinson (Family Coalition), Graham Fox (PC), Andrée Germain (NDP), Akbar Manoussi (Green Party) and Phil McNeely (Liberal). Even though there may be elements of another party's platform that we like, we will individually vote for the candidate who we believe will serve us best.

The electoral reform that is being proposed for Ontario is a system that is known as "Mixed Member Proportional". Mixed Member Proportional is a combination of two votes: a First-Past-the-Post contest for a local MPP and a Proportional Representation based on the popular vote received by a party across the province.

If the Mixed Member Proportional system is adopted, Ontario would be divided into 90 electoral districts rather than the current 107 districts; however, an additional 39 legislative seats would be filled using the Proportional Representation votes. Hence, under a Mixed Member Proportional system there would be a total of 129 legislative seats in Ontario. Voters would vote twice on one ballot: once for their local MPP as they do now, and once for a political party (which may or may not be different from the party affiliation of their preferred local candidate).

Before an election the political parties must select candidates that are known as "List Members". The 39 proportional representation seats are then filled by these "List Members", drawn from the political parties in proportion to the number of "party" votes received in the election.

A party, however, must receive at least 3% of the proportional representation votes in order for any of its "List Members" to be elected.

At the conclusion of the election the party with the largest number of seats in the legislature, including the directly elected local MPPs and the "List Members", is asked to form the government.

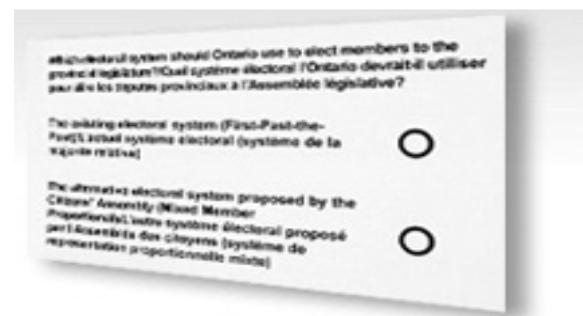
The Referendum question to be answered on Oct 10th is "Which electoral system should Ontario use to elect members to the provincial legislature?" The options are the current First-Past-the-Post system, or the proposed Mixed Member Proportional system.

In order for the new system to be adopted it must be the selected option in at least 60% of all referendum votes cast across the province, AND selected by 50% of the voters in at least 64 of the 107 electoral districts. If adopted, the new government would have until 31 December 2008 to introduce a law to officially make Mixed Member Proportional Ontario's new electoral system.

In Canada there is no other province that uses a Mixed Member Proportional system. Some of the countries that do have a mixed representation system would include New Zealand, Germany, Ireland and Italy.

For more information on the referendum you can visit www.YourBigDecision.ca or call toll free 1-888-668-8683.

Editors note: While it is not mandatory to vote on the referendum, be advised that unfilled ballots do not count in the totals required for the adoption of the new system. That is, the percentages noted above refer to the actual votes cast. If you don't feel that you have enough of an understanding of the new system, you might want to vote for retaining the status quo system rather than not voting at all. Otherwise, electoral reform in the province may actually happen based on a minority of Mixed Member Proportional supporters. If electoral reform is to happen, it should be on the basis of an informed decision by all voters.



Open weekends starting Oct 12th

Check out the web site for more information:
www.orkiwanis.com/Skreamers/index.htm

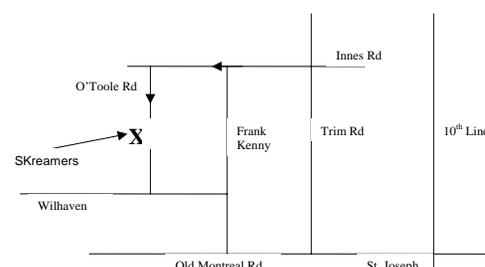
**Not recommended for children under 10 years old.
Parent accompaniment is advised.**

SKREAMERS
PROULX FARM, CUMBERLAND, ONTARIO

Halloween Haunted House

The Dead Pet Shop The Autopsy Room

The dreaded Dark Tunnel



Ontario Election 2007: Ottawa-Orléans - Candidates' Dialogue

Editor's Note: no article was received from Mr. Atkinson



Graham FOX

PC Candidate

Graham Fox is the PC Candidate for Ottawa-Orléans. He grew up in this community and he and his wife are now raising their family in Chapel Hill. He chaired the Franco-Ontarian Festival, served as a member of the Board of the Montfort Hospital and was Vice President of the Public Policy Forum, studying issues ranging from accountability, to health care, to taxation. Here's where Graham stands on the issues:

Health Care:

- * provide \$8.5 billion more health care dollars over four years;
- * enhance long-term care facilities and expand investment in home care;
- * implement a long-term physician recruitment strategy.

Taxes:

- * phase out the unfair 'health' tax;
- * place a 5% cap on annual assessment increases for as long as you own your home.

Local Economy:

- * encourage investment and support local business owners;
- * strengthen our economy by partnering with the federal government to extend and improve the Eastern Ontario Development Program;
- * eliminate the capital tax;
- * move 10% of government office space to smaller communities, including in Eastern Ontario.

Education:

- * increase funding for public education to \$2.4 billion over four years, providing stable, long-term funding so that educators can plan for the future with confidence.

Transportation and Roads:

- * direct every penny of the gas tax towards transportation projects;
- * immediately invest \$150 million of new money to transit growing to \$800 million in new funding by 2011.

For more information on Graham Fox visit www.grahamfox.ca



Andrée GERMAIN

NDP Candidate

The decision to run for politics is rarely an easy one and for women it can be even harder, as work and family keep our lives as busy as we can manage. Still today with few role models available, women aren't led to believe that there is a place for us in politics. Just last week I sat as the only women amongst a half-dozen men at an all-candidates debate.

This is one reason why I joined the NDP. The NDP have an affirmative action policy that recognizes the barriers women face and that supports us in speaking out about the issues that affect our lives. The NDP is committed to building communities where all people can realise their full potential. In practical terms what this means is that we will:

- * Support care-givers through tax relief and by increasing the minimum standard of care for seniors in long-term care facilities to 3.5 hours a day;
- * Fix the funding formula for public schools and restore the Local Priorities Grant at \$200 per student;
- * Upload the cost of core municipal services thereby allowing communities to hire more police, invest in programs for youth and improve roads and infrastructure; and,
- * The NDP will also return \$450 of the unfair health premium to each person making under \$80,000 a year.

I am running for the NDP because I care about what happens to families in my community and I want to be a part of building a positive future for all of us. I can't do this without your support - vote NDP on October 10th.



Akbar MANOUSSI

Green Party Candidate

Distinguished Carleton University Business and Management Professor and a prominent figure in the community. "I am proud to represent the people of Ottawa-Orléans as the Green Party Candidate."

Our goal is a fair and just society in balance with nature, which values the health and vitality of our families, local communities and economies. We will achieve this through sound fiscal management and progressive social policies. Our solutions will reflect the interdependence of the economy and the environment.

Climate Change: The Green Party of Ontario will dramatically reduce greenhouse gases and begin reversing climate change.

Energy: Our goal is in a new, green energy direction that focuses on reducing demand rather than increasing supply. We will not squander billions on expensive, heavily subsidized nuclear energy, or allow coal-fired plants to continue to pollute the air we breathe.

Electoral Reform: Voters deserve better representation. Our current system discounts the votes of everyone who did not vote for a winning candidate. A reformed system will create a stronger democracy with more choice, and better representation for all citizens.

Education: We advocate a single, publicly funded school system that offers all children the same opportunity to learn together, in English or French, in an inclusive and supportive environment, that teaches core values of tolerance and understanding.

Health: We will improve health care with more resources into health promotion and disease and accident prevention. Safe drinking water and clean air are basic rights.

Local Sustainability: We will restore the health and vitality of our communities.



Phil MCNEELY

Liberal Party Candidate

Dear Fallingbrook neighbours,

It has been an honour to have served you as your MPP these last 4 years. We've made Orléans a better community in which to live, work and raise a family.

We have an Arts Centre being built and an Enterprise Centre approved. We have an MRI on Portobello, the Montfort Hospital is doubling in size, wait times for key surgeries are down. Graduation rates are increasing, class sizes are down in the early grades and test scores are up. We have more officers protecting our streets and we are fixing the SPLIT with a \$45 million plan.

We've accomplished a lot of good things for Orléans since you chose change. But there is a lot more to do, and that is why I am running again.

I will bring a second Family Health Team to Orléans which will give 15,000 people a family doctor - no other Party has such a plan to bring doctors to our community. I will extend Hunt Club road to Innes road to reduce traffic congestion. We will give seniors a property tax credit of up to \$500 to ensure they can stay in their own homes. I will eliminate the 3 month waiting period for Health Insurance for Military Families. We can do all this together, but it starts with your support.

Together we can continue to move Orléans forward. On October 10th, I ask for your support.

For more information on Phil McNeely and the Liberal Party campaign, please visit www.philmcneely.com

Fallingbrook SummerFest 2007

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Sunday's main stage shows, performed by our volunteer local talent, were great for everyone. Alex Lacasse and Kira Isabella are already well known for their wonderful performances and their tireless support of their community.

The FCA is eager to build up this annual community activity, just as was done with the Canada Day celebration that it had organized for so many years before outgrowing the Ray Friel site. That event has now moved to Petrie Island and has been taken over by the Greater Orleans Canada Day Committee. The FCA is still involved and supports Canada Day, but the annual SummerFest event is a new challenge for our association, says FCA Vice President Marc Cappelli. It is both a way for the FCA to offer residents a great local family event, as well as a way to raise funds that allows the FCA to give back to the community through the many activities our association undertakes each year. Some of these include supporting the scouts, our local volunteer awards ceremony, our Internet web page and newsletters providing information to residents, community garage sales, environmental projects and hosting election debates to name a few.



The event could not take place if not for the help of the many volunteers, including Marc Cappelli who was the FCA organizer. The support of all the performers, many others that worked behind the scenes and of course, you, the residents that came out to participate made SummerFest 2007 a success. Also, our local elected representatives at all three levels of Government supported us, and a special mention must go to the General Manager of the Ray Friel Centre, Mr. Ken Marentette and his staff, who provided a whole lot more than just space for this event. He is truly community minded.

So come out next summer and enjoy yourselves with a long weekend full of family fun. There will be a new mix of free and pay-per-use activities. The FCA members look forward to meeting you and we're sure you'll have a great time; all the while you're giving back to your community through our fundraising event. If you have comments or questions on SummerFest, please e-mail us at president@fallingbrook.com.



Off-Leash Parks

At the parks listed below dogs may be off-leash. There are, however, standard rules that apply to all parks regardless of geographic location within the new City of Ottawa. Dogs must always be under the control of their handler, even if a leash is not required. Signs are posted to inform the public of whether dogs are prohibited or if they must be leashed. Dogs are prohibited from being within five metres of all children's play areas and pools. For more information visit www.ottawa.ca.

Orléans - Ward 1

<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Apollo Crater	600 Apollo Way
Beauclaire	947 Beauclaire
Charlemagne	1200 Charlemagne
Decarie	7883 Decarie



Friargate	6368 Friar Street
Mary Scott	6024 Vineyard
Mystery	985 Orleans
Ray Friel	1585 Tenth Line
Terry Fox	1175 Ste. Therese
Troyes	7964 Decarie
Varennes	1595 Varennes
Voyageur	6021 Voyageur

Cumberland - Ward 19

<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Clark Woods	1070 Forest Lea
Gardenway	2001 Gardenway
~ Off-leash before 9 a.m. and after 8 p.m.	
~ On leash 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	
Yves Richer	499 Des Epinettes

Give Away Day

Saturday, October 13th

The City of Ottawa has declared October 13th "Give Away Day". Place any unwanted items such as books, old furniture, construction materials, kitchen gadgets or any other treasures you have out at the curb. Mark those items clearly with a sign that says "FREE". Make sure that any items you want to keep are kept away from your setout treasures!

At the end of the day, bring any uncollected items back into your home. You might consider donating these items to a charitable organization. Another way to RETHINK GARBAGE!