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Neil R. Ellis  
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**RE: St-Jean-Baptiste 2011**

Dear Mr. Ellis,

Le Franco-Phare, a non profit organization, will host the 7<sup>th</sup> celebration of the St-Jean-Baptiste Day. All greater Quinte area residents, civilians and military alike are invited to participate. Le Franco-Phare is organizing this celebration in conjunction with 8<sup>th</sup> Wing Trenton. The event will take place on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. at Baker's Island in Trenton. Numerous themes have been combined to create a memorable day, including family activities, a free musical concert with the bands ***The Box and Les 2 Frères***, a bonfire and fireworks.

As the event is held in partnership with 8 Wing Trenton, most financial aspects are Le Franco-Phare's responsibility. This is no small task for an organization such as ours who has for mission is to promote and foster Francophone based initiatives in order to facilitate the cultural and social economic development of the francophone community in the Greater Quinte area.

We are hereby asking for your support in promoting our event on the website of the city of Belleville. This additional exposure would be greatly appreciated as a large segment of the francophone population is residing in Belleville. May we suggest that you touch base regarding this matter at the next council meeting.

We thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and look forward to your positive response. Mrs. Danielle Vaillant, our administrative assistant, will be contacting you by telephone shortly. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact her directly at: 613-955-8837.

Sincerely,

Robert Comeau  
Chairperson of the Committee St-Jean-Baptiste 2011