

## **2013 Christmas Tree-Lighting Celebration Annual Report**

**Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree-Lighting Celebration was a magical, winter evening- even though it was freezing -25C !**

**Our Christmas Tree shone extra bright at our Official Lighting Ceremony- Thanks to the Walden Sr. Woodworkers & Equipment North.** Brian, Reg & Ken removed the old lights & beautifully draped 530' of new lights- using the Bucket Truck provided by our new Long-Term Sponsors-Equipment North. Over 3 days, they replaced all the Christmas lights on the buildings-transforming the site!

**Students from Ecole St. Paul, Lively District Secondary School, St. James School, Walden PS & Trinity United Church-sang Christmas carols & songs for 700 people from Walden & the CGS.** Ecole St. Paul Choir [Grades 1-7], Emmanuela Van Allen [Gr. 6, St. James School], Walden PS [Primary Choir & Glee Club], Ashley Remington & her Father [Lively District Secondary School] & Trinity's Kid's Club [Trinity United Church] performed on the Greater Sudbury Volunteer Firefighters' decorated Christmas Float- in front of the Farm House.

**LDSS Student Council & our AFMHS Volunteers were kept busy in the Stable** handing-out FREE Tim Horton's Hot Chocolate, cookies and candy and FREE Pop corn-compliments of Councilor Barbeau+ Coffee, Hot Apple Cider for adults

For those coming off the sliding hill, they could go into the **Seniors' Workshop In the Granary-** where **Mrs Claus & Santa's Helpers** were displaying old & new hand-made wooden toys & handing out Hot Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate & cookies

**Children could visit with Santa in the Stable** - perhaps relaying a few more wishes to the gentleman in time for Christmas & have photos taken by parents.

Outside families could visit with our **Greater Sudbury Volunteer Firefighters from Stations 6,7,& 8-** with their Aerial & Pumper Trucks & new Bush Truck or take a horse-drawn wagon with **Wagon Wheel Ranch.**

**None of this would be possible without the help of our Long-Term City Of Greater Sudbury, Business, Community Partners & Sponsors.**

**Thanks to our KEY Sponsors:** Councilor Barbeau, The City of Greater Sudbury & Greater Sudbury Museums, for their long-term support. A warm Thank You, to our MC Forbes Stoodley, Walden-CAN- who keeps things moving smoothly

**Sincere appreciation to our Long-Term Business, Community Partners & Sponsors:** Tim Horton's Lively, Walden Lions Club, Walden Srs. Woodworkers, Greater Sudbury Volunteer Firefighters, Walden-CAN, Walden Today, Morgan Penney [LDSS student/graphic design/photography], LDSS Student Council and new sponsors Equipment North [2013-2017]

**And Special Thanks to our AFM Heritage Society Volunteers and family.**

**Total Volunteer Hours = 304 Hours [@\$20 per Hr] = \$6,080 In-Kind Services**

**Brian King, Chair, 2013 Christmas Tree-Lighting Committee April 9, 2014 AGM**