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**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S
NEW YEAR'S LEVEE HELD IN PETERBOROUGH**

TORONTO – The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, will visit Peterborough, Ontario, for the annual New Year's Levee on January 1, 2009.

His Worship Paul Ayotte, Mayor of Peterborough, is pleased to host the New Year's Levee at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All Ontarians are welcome to meet the Lieutenant Governor and Mayor Ayotte before partaking in refreshments and enjoying local entertainment.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Who: The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
His Worship Paul Ayotte, Mayor, City of Peterborough

What: New Year's Levee

Where: Peterborough City Hall, 500 George Street North

When: January 1, 2008, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND

The first recorded levee in what is now Canada was hosted by the Governor of New France in 1646. This custom originated in Europe, where formal morning assemblies were held by princes or persons of distinction. The word *levée* is derived from the French language and means 'rising' (as from bed).

In Canada, levees are traditionally hosted by representatives of the Crown. Lieutenant Governors of Ontario have adopted the custom of annually alternating the levee between the vice-regal residence and various regional centres throughout the province. In previous years, levees have been held in Oshawa, Barrie, Thunder Bay, London, and Kingston.

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