

## **LOCAL PARKS CANADA MANAGER WELCOMED TO OGDENSBURG'S FORT LA PRÉSENTATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, July 13, 2011 --** Anne-Marie Johnson, the site manger for Fort Wellington in Prescott, has been elected to the Fort La Présentation Association Board of Directors.

Ms. Johnson's knowledge and experience benefits the Fort Association in Ogdensburg which plans to build a heritage interpretation center adjacent to the archaeological site of Fort de la Présentation, 1749-1759. She has the skills to nurture vital cross-border cooperation as the association works to promote 80 years of our common history along the St. Lawrence River from the Seven Years War to the War of 1812.

"For the last three years, Anne-Marie has been a planning committee member for the Fort Association's Founder's Day Weekend, commemorating Ogdensburg's French colonial history," said Barbara O'Keefe, President of the Fort La Présentation Association. "Her advice and Canadian perspective have enriched our event and expanded Fort Wellington's cooperation in this annual re-enactment and colonial trade fair."

The Fort La Presentation Association shares with Parks Canada a common goal to preserve and present to an international public our cross-river history.

"I enjoy working with this dynamic and passionate group which presents exciting opportunities to forge even stronger cross-border relationships through historic sites on both sides of the St. Lawrence River" said Johnson. "With my election to the board, I look forward to an increasingly active role in the Fort Association's commitment to creating memorable visitor experiences."

Anne-Marie Johnson is Site and Visitor Experience Manager for Fort Wellington, Battle of the Windmill, Sir John Johnson House, Inverarden House and Glengarry Cairn National Historic Sites of Canada.

The Fort La Presentation Association is building a vibrant legacy. Part of the legacy will be the reconstructed Fort de la Présentation on Lighthouse Point, visible from Prescott's waterfront. The area adjacent to the original fort site, used by the armies of France, England and the United States from 1749 to 1813, was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Founder's Day Weekend will attract 18<sup>th</sup>-century re-enactors from Canada and the United States to Lighthouse Point July 23-24 to commemorate the 1760 Battle of the Thousand Islands.