# Toastmasters Month

**WHEREAS:**  Toastmasters International is a worldwide non profit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders with more than 345,000 memberships, members improve their speaking and leadership skills by attending one of the 15,900 clubs in 142 countries that make up our global network of meeting locations; and

**WHEREAS:** Honeymoon City Club and Hatch Masters, as part of District 86, which serves over 235 clubs and 5000 members, in South-western, Central & Northern Ontario, in coordination with the rest of the districts worldwide, celebrate Toastmasters Month annually to commemorate its anniversary and to further propagate the mission of the organization; and

**WHEREAS:**  clubs provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth; and

**WHEREAS:** By regularly giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere, leaders emerge from the Toastmasters program; and

**WHEREAS:** The Toastmasters program helps people develop skills in speaking, listening, giving feedback, decision-making, effective meeting management, delegating and mentoring, vital skills that promote self actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of humankind; and

**WHEREAS:** The opportunities offered by Toastmasters clubs play an important part in developing members and community leaders.

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Jim Diodati, do hereby proclaim October

2016 as “TOASTMASTERS MONTH” in the City of

Niagara Falls.