



Mayor Jerry Iwanus's speech to the Bawlf High School Class Farewell May 22, 2010

Honoured grads, guests, faculty, staff, ladies and gentlemen: it is my pleasure to bring you greetings from Village of Bawlf Council and Administration this evening. After trying something different and going on a bit too long at last year's Class Farewell, I'm very pleased to have been invited back at all this year! However, in order to be allowed to attend, Mrs. White said that I had to do a "bikini" speech... "be brief, understated, and cover only the essentials." Will do.

We at the Village of Bawlf continue to be very pleased with the relationship that has evolved between Bawlf School and us over the past two-and-a-half years. In addition to the numerous things we have already been doing collaboratively, the Village is also now sponsoring awards to two Grade 12 students who exemplify good citizenship and community responsibility, and we look forward again to presenting those awards to two of our graduands this coming fall. We *know* that this community is so much stronger because of Bawlf School's role within it and, depending on what the voters decide in October, Council and I look forward to many more such opportunities to work together.

But, as for tonight, this is a unique and truly special day in your lives and it is an honour to share it with you. You will have no other like it, a fact that will become more apparent in retrospect over the years to come. The Village of Bawlf and I are truly privileged to be a part of it.

I want to wish you Godspeed, honoured graduands, as you set out into the world and do the things you were meant to do and be the people you were meant to be. Remember that you will always be a part of this school and this community but, more importantly, remember that this school and this community will always be a part of you.

May you experience great joy and fulfilment as you move on to the next phase of your lives and thank you again for allowing the Village of Bawlf, my wife Michele, and me to be a part of this wonderful day.