

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

## MAYOR BOB KISS

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### MORAN PROJECT RECEIVES PERMITTING

The Moran redevelopment project reached a significant milestone last week when its permit application was approved and finalized by the Development Review Board. This project has moved steadily forward since it was approved by voters in March of 2008. With completion of the Blue Ribbon Committee report on Moran, and the City Council's approval to nominate the Moran building to the National Historic Register for the purpose of accessing historic tax credits, among the next steps is the negotiation of development agreements with tenants



Aerial View Detail Looking Northwest

Ice Factor International, the Lake Champlain Sailing Center, and the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. The City has already identified funding for its share of the development project, none of which impacts the property tax rate.

The "Moran Project at Waterfront Park" will redevelop the decommissioned Moran Power Plant and site into a multi-use, year-round attraction for visitors and residents alike. The project will create commercial spaces in a completely renovated building, which will be leased to nonprofit and for-profit businesses. The fee-based uses will be balanced with year-round public access to an observation deck over-looking the lake, public rest rooms, a community room, and public park space that includes splash area and new skate park. Once realized the project is estimated to create 675 construction jobs, 60-80 permanent jobs, and an annual ripple effect of \$6 million in the local economy.

Moran is an important project that promotes economic vitality and continues redevelopment of Burlington's waterfront for residents and visitors alike. More information about the project is available on the CEDO website at <http://www.cedoburlington.org/>.

### INTERACTIVE G.I.S. MAPPING

Interactive GIS ("Geographical Information System") is now available on the City's website. GIS integrates a variety of informational categories, or "layers," with an interactive map of a particular geographic area. "Layers" on Burlington's GIS feature include real estate transactions in the last 12 months, Census block tracts, current building permits, ward boundaries, the City's FY11 street

paving plans, and the location of parking garages, parking lots, and electric vehicle charging stations, among many other categories of information. Burlington's GIS can be accessed directly through <http://www.ci.burlington.vt.us/gis/> or going to the City's homepage <http://www.ci.burlington.vt.us/> and clicking on "Geographic Information Systems" at the top right of the homepage.

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**Burlington and Yaroslavl**

I returned this week from a trip as a member of the Burlington delegation to Yaroslavl, Russia in celebration of its millennium anniversary as a city. Travel costs for the trip to Russia were paid privately on an individual basis. As an ambassador for the City, Ward 1 Councilor Sharon Bushor's travel costs were covered by voluntary contributions from other City Councilors' individual Council expense accounts.

Costs in Yaroslavl were generally paid for by our Russian hosts. Yaroslavl's celebration of its 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary resonated beyond the city itself, with high regional, national, and international interest in the event, including the presence of other sister cities from France, Germany, England, and Finland, as well as Russian President Dimitry Medvedev.

Burlington has had a sister-city relationship with Yaroslavl since 1988. Since then, exchanges between the two cities have involved mayors, business people, firefighters, jazz musicians, youth orchestras, mural

painters, high school students, medical students, MBA students, doctors and nurses, librarians, and even the

appreciated. Burlington has embraced international relationships and in return our community has



*The opening ceremony at Yaroslavl's Millennium Celebration*

Yaroslavl Torpedoes ice-hockey team. In April of this year Burlington hosted a visit from a Yaroslavl delegation which included Deputy Mayor Andrey Murashov, Irina Novikova, Yaroslavl Chair of the Russian-American Friendship Society, traditional musical performers, and a renowned Russian organist. That visit was followed by a visit in May from a group of Yaroslavl businesspeople.

benefited in a variety of ways. International communication and exchanges person to person, transcending politics, has important value. Now, more than ever, we need to recognize global relationships in our efforts to build a better Burlington and a better world.

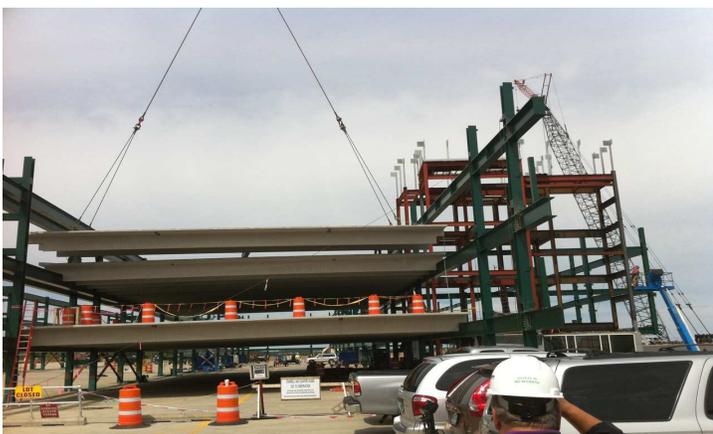
Happy 1000<sup>th</sup> Yaroslavl!

**With best regards,**

**Bob Kiss, Mayor**

The Burlington delegation was warmly welcomed by our Yaroslavl hosts. It was clear that our interest and willingness to travel there for this special event was

**AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION**



*The Burlington International Airport has been undergoing renovations this summer and fall. Here, work proceeds to expand the parking garage. For information on the Airport visit: <http://www.btv.aero/>*

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