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## **Mayor Ortt Announces Concert Plans For Gratwick Riverside Park**

NORTH TONAWANDA—Mayor Robert G. Ortt announced at a press conference today the plans for a three-concert series entitled “Cornerstone’s Niagara River Rocks” at Gratwick Riverside Park on Sundays, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Representatives of headline sponsor Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union and several other high-level North Tonawanda officials joined Mayor Ortt in announcing Primus, The Tea Party, and Rusted Root will be the featured bands for the lineup selected to play at what is regarded as one of the most beautiful venues along the Niagara River.

The concert will be free for everyone attending; however, there will be a \$5 charge for parking at the park. Food and beverage will be sold at the venue, and no food, backpacks, or coolers will be permitted at the park for this event. Kathy Paradowski of Special Vending, Inc. is the promoter for this concert. Labatt’s, along with other sponsors, will also be participating in this summer event.

Mayor Ortt stated, “When I took office, I pledged to work to bring back major bands and musical acts to North Tonawanda. Last year’s show was such a huge success and we expect these three shows to bring thousands of concert goers to one of the most beautiful venues along the Niagara River, Gratwick Riverside Park.”

Primus is an American rock band based in San Francisco, California originally formed in 1984. The band released a total of eight albums since their initial album was released in 1989. Primus’ acclaimed “Sailing The Seas Of Cheese” album has been newly mixed in stereo and Dolby 5.1 Surround for the first time since its 1991 debut for an expanded deluxe edition to be released May 21<sup>st</sup> by Universal Music Enterprises.

The Tea Party is a Canadian rock band based out of Windsor, Ontario has released eight albums, over 1.6 Million records worldwide, and achieving a No. 1 Canadian single "Heaven Coming Down" in 1999. The Tea Party has announced intentions to begin working on a new album with no timeline yet set.

Rusted Root is a band from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania known for their unique fusion of acoustic, rock, world and other styles of music. Rusted Root has sold over 3 million albums worldwide since their 1990 debut.

Additional information such as start times, names of opening bands, VIP passes, etc. can be found at [www.niagarariverrocks.com](http://www.niagarariverrocks.com).

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