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## **VOTE FOR NIAGARA**

On Friday, April 27th, Becky Puddicombe who is a Grade 12 student at Westlane Secondary school appeared on CBC Radio's, "Sounds Like Canada". Becky was an advocate for the Niagara Falls being named as one of Canada's Seven Wonders.

During the debate segment Becky faced off against a student from Nova Scotia who was advocating for the Bay of Fundy. The arguments made for each were timed with rebuttal on both sides.

"When CBC radio called looking for a poised and confident advocate for Niagara Falls, I felt that Becky could not only argue persuasively for the Falls but that she could triumph in a debate", explained Cam Hathaway, Principal.

On May 7, 2007 a panel of judges will narrow the field. In order for your voice to be heard, you must " *Vote For Niagara*" by going to <a href="http://www.new7wonders.com/">http://www.new7wonders.com/</a>. Get your school to participate in this exciting opportunity to make Niagara one of the seven wonders of Canada.

Becky's appearance can be heard on the Westlane School website link <a href="http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/Westlane/default2.htm">http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/Westlane/default2.htm</a>.

You can also read her story from the following link:

http://www.niagarafallsreview.ca/webapp/sitepages/content.asp?contentid=505608&catname=Loca I+News&classif= .

In the event that Niagara Falls makes the short list the National will come to film a story which will include an appearance by Becky.

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