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Canada Day



This year is the 40th anniversary of the National Anthem Act, which designated "O Canada" as the national anthem of Canada.

As a proud Canadian and the proud Mayor of the Town of New Tecumseth the words of the national anthem hold special meaning to me. During this unprecedented time the phrase "**with glowing hearts we see thee rise**", has been symbolic in the New Tecumseth community.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 global pandemic the New Tecumseth community has exhibited tremendous community spirit whether it is from nightly street dance parties to lift spirits and thank front line workers to the generous support of community events like local food and PPE drives for our community food banks and our community hospital. It has truly been heartwarming to see these gestures of goodwill by residents and local businesses and to see how the New Tecumseth community "rose" in the wake of the COVID19 global pandemic.

Canada Day in New Tecumseth is truly a family affair with many festivities throughout the Town. Some of my personal highlights are the presentation of the awards like Senior of the Year Award and the Wall of Honour Award, the Council BBQ and seeing the entire community come out for the Canada Day event activities which included arts and crafts, face painting, exotic animal encounters, inflatable castles and live entertainment, culminating in a spectacular firework display at the Tottenham Conservation Area.

This year however, due to the global pandemic and in keeping with public health directives we have had to cancel the event, but I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a **Happy Canada Day!**



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