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## **Staff Report To Council**

**From:** Laura Christen  
**Date:** June 02, 2025  
**Report:** PRC-06-2025  
**Subject** **Canada Day 2025**

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### **Recommendation**

That Report PRC-06-2025 Canada Day 2025 be received for council's information.

### **Background**

The Canada Day celebration in Hanover has been a longstanding tradition since 1992, and this year's event will be re-located to Town Park and promises to be an exciting one with a wide range of activities planned for the whole family.

### **Discussion**

This year's Canada Day celebration will take place at Town Park, where it originated in 1992, as it will be combined with the grand opening of the new Canadian Tire Splash Pad. The relocation was a natural fit, given the timing of the project's completion and the strong family-friendly focus of both the Canada Day festivities and the Canadian Tire Splash Pad opening. The similarity between these two events provided a unique opportunity to merge the events together.

The event will begin with the official grand opening of the Canadian Tire Splash Pad, including a ribbon cutting ceremony. We will recognize our generous donors and thank the dedicated volunteers whose contributions played a vital role in its planning and development. This ceremony will mark the completion of the project and lead into the day's Canada Day celebrations.

A variety of family-friendly activities have been planned, including inflatables, children's games, balloon twisting, and temporary tattoos. The Rotary Club will host a BBQ, and a funnel cake food truck will also be on site with delicious items available for purchase.

The entertainment lineup features a variety of performances throughout the day, beginning with the Grey Bruce Singers performing O Canada. A children's entertainer will engage younger audiences, followed by popular local artists proving a mix of live music for attendees to enjoy.

Additional parking spaces have been added on the grass areas to improve accessibility for attendees. Parking attendants will also be available to assist visitors during the event.

In addition to the Canada Day celebrations, the town will be bustling with a variety of community events throughout the day. A Canada Day breakfast will be held at the Curling Club from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Youth Unlimited YFC Hanover will be opening the doors of The Deck Youth Centre for a

public open house that includes a festive cookie decorating activity for youth from 11am to 2:30pm.

### **Financial Implications**

The total budget for Canada Day activities is \$7,980. This is funded by a \$3,020 grant from Heritage Canada and approved 2025 Parks, Recreation and Culture (PRC) budget. The Match Eatery is sponsoring the temporary tattoos.

Facility and camp staff coverage for the event is included within the existing PRC budget.

### **Link to Strategic Plan**

This report supports the indicated Strategic Goals and Action Plans of the Town of Hanover.

#### ☐ **Goal 1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure**

Build, maintain and continuously improve our municipally owned properties, buildings, and equipment.

#### ☒ **Goal 2: Healthy and Welcoming Community**

Care for our natural environment and provide an enviable quality of life for everyone who calls Hanover “home”.

#### ☐ **Goal 3: Strong and Vibrant Economy**

Refresh downtown Hanover and retain and attract local economic investment and jobs.

#### ☐ **Goal 4: Balanced Growth**

Work together to create a community we can all be proud of.

#### ☒ **Goal 5: Open and Responsible Government**

Deliver services in a friendly, efficient and effective manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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