



## PORT COLBORNE

### MEDIA RELEASE

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## Port Colborne is ready to rock this summer with a free Community Concert Series

**PORT COLBORNE, ON** – Earlier today, Mayor Bill Steele announced an exciting addition to the 2023 summer events and festivals line up in Port Colborne – a new outdoor Community Concert Series, free for residents and visitors alike.

The free Community Concert series features a fantastic lineup of artists including Freedom Train, the Dreamboats, Grace2 Tragically Hip Tribute, Mystic Highway and many more. With this new series, the City of Port Colborne continues its long history of presenting amazing local talent from right here in the Niagara Region.

“I’m really looking forward to the Community Concert Series in Port Colborne this year,” said Mayor Bill Steele. “We always have so many fantastic events in during the warmer months and these concerts are an awesome addition. I love that we can offer more free events for our residents and visitors, and I can’t wait to attend the first concert next weekend and see Freedom Train at Lock 8 Gateway Park beside the Canal. They are one of my personal favourites!”

The full line up:

### **Saturday, June 10, 2023**

- Lock 8 Gateway Park (part of the Main Street BIA’s *Day in the Park* event)
- Event runs from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Opening band: **Walter James Duo** (12:30 p.m.)
- Headliner: **Freedom Train** (2:15 p.m.)

### **Saturday, June 17, 2023**

- H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park
- Event runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Opening band: **The Repeatles** (6 p.m.)
- Headliner: **The Dreamboats** (5 p.m.)

### **Saturday, July 1, 2023**

- West Street (part of the Canada Day celebrations)

- Event runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Opening band: **XPrime** (6:30 p.m.)
- Headliner: **Grace2: Tragically Hip Tribute** (8:30 p.m.)

### **Saturday, July 15, 2023**

- H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park
- Event runs from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Opening band: **Avenue Inn** (1 p.m.)
- Headliner: **Mystic Highway: Tribute to CCR and John Fogerty** (4:30 p.m.)

### **Friday, September 22, 2023**

- King George Memorial Park (kickoff to the Downtown Port Colborne BIA's Harvest Fest)
- Event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Opening band: **Mackenzie Leigh Meyer**
- Headliner: **MY LIFE Tribute to the Music of Billy Joel** (8 p.m.)

The Community Concert Series is presented in partnership with Port Colborne's Main Street BIA and the Downtown Port Colborne BIA.

"The Main Street BIA is excited to host their first Day in the Park event at Lock 8, Gateway Park, on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from noon-4pm," said the Main St BIA. "This free, family-friendly kick-off to Summer is the perfect way to spend your Saturday afternoon. The event highlights some of the best that Port Colborne and Main Street has to offer with live entertainment, kid-friendly activities, food trucks and vendors and a maker's market. This is an event not to be missed! Support your local, growing community."

"The Downtown BIA are thrilled to partner with the City to bring to the community these unique concert experiences," said Jesse Boles, Chairperson of the Downtown Port Colborne BIA. "Nothing quite says summer like outdoor entertainment and festivals. We are uniquely fortunate in Port Colborne to have a multitude of unique and scenic venues to accommodate live entertainment. Our Canada Day "Party on West" will be a night to remember as will our kickoff to fall with our Harvest Fest Concert in King George Park. We have an impressive selection of unique and eclectic food choices amongst our Downtown Restaurateurs for a small town complemented by a great shopping experience. Both events are sure to be a night to remember with family and friends."

In addition, the City of Port Colborne's Department of Museum & Culture in partnership with the Friends of Roselawn Centre have also organized a summer concert series.

### **Sunday, June 25, 2023**

- Roselawn Centre Lawn
- Event runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- Headliner: **The Nu-Tones** (1:10 p.m.)

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

- Roselawn Centre Lawn
- Event runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Headliner: **Second Hand News** (1:10 p.m.)

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

- Roselawn Centre Lawn
- Event runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Headliner: **Toronto All-Star Big Band** (1:10 p.m.)

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