

Durham Homecoming 2022

June 30, July 1, 2, & 3 2022

A Brief History of Durham

In 1842 Archibald Hunter, a Scottish immigrant-led a party northward on the Garafraxa "colonization road" to the banks of the Saugeen River. The resulting settlement was first called Bentinck and later Durham, probably to honour the English birthplace of George Jackson, the first local Crown Land Agent. The establishment of flour and grist-mills in 1847 made the town the major agricultural center of the district. The Durham Road, another settlement route, was constructed through the town in 1849. Further growth followed, churches were founded, a school organized, and a newspaper, the Chronicle, was established in 1857. By an Act passed in 1872, the Ontario legislature incorporated Durham as a town.

In 2000, Durham became a proud part of the Municipality of West Grey, along with the villages of Ayton, Neustadt and Elmwood.

Executive Committee Members

Alex Neuman - Co-Chairperson

Heather Wright - Co-Chairperson

Robin Gingerich - Co-Chairperson

Becky Weltz - Treasurer

Angela Bauer - Secretary

Stephanie Crilly - Director

Dave Lawrence - Director

Jim Aitken - Director

Andrea Watson - Director

Stephen Townsend - West Grey Council Representative

Sub-Committees

- Parade
- ► Foods & Dinner
- ► Bars & Security
- ► Entertainment
- Sports
- Fundraising
- Ways & Means / Volunteering
- Decorating

- ► History & Schools
- ► Media & Promotions
- ► Registration
- Transportation / Accommodations
- Worship
- Scheduling
- Small Events
- Children's Events

Our Logo



Homecoming / Sesquicentennial

- ► Every 10 years members of the community plan a town wide event to celebrate the past, present and future of Durham and it's people
- In 2022 we will be celebrating the Durham's Sesquicentennial, the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Durham
- ► The event will run from June 30th till July 3rd incorporating a special Canada Day celebration on Friday July 1st
- ▶ Durham has a rich culture and history of Sports, Agriculture, Arts and small town living that will be celebrated and displayed throughout the weekend.
- We welcome back those who have moved away to come home to where their roots began
- Some of us have never left and will always call Durham home

Schedule of Events (Draft Copy)

Thursday - June 30

- Ambassador Competition
- Beard Competition
- ▶ DJ & Beer Gardens
- Teen / Tween Dance

Saturday - July 2

- Food Trucks @ Arena
- Sports Tournament Baseball
- Parade @ Noon
- ► Sports, Clubs & School Reunion
- Dinner @ Arena
- Street Dance / Dance @ Arena

Friday - July 1

- ► Food Trucks @ Arena
- Sports Tournament Horseshoes
- ▶ Lions Club Durham's Love Canada
 - Kid's Activities
 - Fireworks
- Dance with Band 10:30

Sunday - July 3

- Food Trucks @ Arena
- Breakfast
- Community Church Service
- Caesar Sunday
- PJ Party Shirttail Parade

Draft Budget

Item	Revenue	Expense	Profit / Loss
Advance Fundraising	\$16,500	\$9,000	\$7,500
Corp. Sponsors	\$29,000	\$1,000	\$28,000
Grants & Donations	\$51,325		\$51,325
Advance Tickets & Passports	\$50,000		\$50,000
Dinners & Breakfast	\$26,050	\$17,250	\$8,800
Dance Tickets	\$14,900		\$14,900
Bar Sales	\$59,000	\$19,100	\$39,900
Sunday in the Park	\$1,000	\$3,500	(\$2,500)
Security		\$15,000	(\$15,000)
Entertainment & Sound		\$31,500	(\$31,500)
Advertising, Decorations etc		\$16,000	(\$16,000)
Operating Expenses		\$15,650	(\$15,650)
Prizes & Honorariums		\$10,000	(\$10,000)
Contingency		\$12,500	(\$12,500)
Totals	\$247,775	\$150,500	\$97,275

^{*}Detailed Breakdown available*

Fundraising Goals

- ► The goal of the Homecoming committee is to invest any profits directly back into the community immediately
- ► We are looking forward to discuss options with the Municipality and the Recreation Supervisor to determine a project that suits the needs for West Grey, specifically the town of Durham.
- ► We are working with various other community groups to help attain some of our ideas and bring the community together for a large scale project

Fundraising Ideas

Accessible Splash Pad



Band Stand / Pavillion



Requests from the Municipality

- ▶ To become an 'Ad Hoc' committee of council
- ► To be included in municipal insurance coverage for this event and events leading up the Durham Homecoming 2022
- ► To have the Municipality of West Grey Finance department operate all financial aspects including tracking of accounts payable, accounts receivable, HST etc, and to provide monthly progress reports
- Financial support in the form of an interest free loan for the amount of \$50,000 to provide seed money for the events to organize and plan
- ► Homecoming Committee to determine how profits are distributed after the event
- Reduced rental fees for municipal facilities used to operate Durham Homecoming 2022 and events leading up to homecoming

Questions & Comments?