Sing 'Bobcaygeon' for Bobcaygeon: resident plans serenade for community

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Bobcaygeon supporters will take to their porches this weekend and sing the song that made the town famous in support of area residents and Pinecrest Nursing Home.

Guitar player for <u>The Tragically Hits</u> (a Tragically Hip cover band) and Bobcaygeon resident, Richard Kyle, has organized <u>Sing Bobcaygeon From Your Front Porch</u>. He posted the event to Facebook asking local residents to come out and sing the Tragically Hip song "Bobcaygeon" in support of the community which has been hard hit by COVID-19.

"I felt that it would be fitting with what the village, and especially the staff and residents of Pinecrest Nursing Home, along with the town as a whole (has been through), to come together and show their support and solidarity with the town," he said noting he hoped the event would raise awareness for the Bobcaygeon and Area COVID-19 Relief Fund.

"Since I'm a Bobcaygeon resident, and a musician playing in a Tragically Hip tribute band, we thought we could do more than just our monetary donation to the relief this town needs at a time like this," Kyle said.

The community will take to their porches on Sunday at 6 p.m. to sing Bobcaygeon. It seems they'll even be joined by guitar player for The Tragically Hip, Paul Langois whose been tweeting about the event.

Kyle is also raising awareness of the Bobcaygeon and Area COVID-19 Relief Fund. Anyone participating in the sing-along or looking to support the community can donate by contacting Community Foundations of Kawartha Lakes foundation coordinator Margaret Cunningham. Call her at 705-731-9775 or email her at info@kawarthafoundation.ca.

"Positivity is the light we wish to shine rather than a spectacle of doom and gloom. If this can relieve any stigma the town may succumb after this then I feel we've done something that we are in a position to accomplish," Kyle said.

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