

# Expect a red and white fireworks finale on Canada Day

By: Harry Rudolfs

Dave Pratt and the Acton Firefighters Association are promising something a little more special at this year's Canada Day fireworks display. The group has been hosting the event for over 25 years and Pratt, a part timer who lives in Acton, has been involved for the last 15 years along with a number of his colleagues. "We try to grow it every year and make it a little better," Pratt said. "This year being Canada's 150th birthday, we're working on a red and white finale."

The Association has been known to put on some of the best Canada Day pyrotechnics in the region. The show lasts about 30 minutes, during which \$20,000 worth of fireworks will be ignited. During the grand finale, something like 48 shells will be set off in the last 30 seconds.

The entire show costs about \$25,000 including paid duty police officers to help with

the traffic, according to Pratt. "We have a few corporate sponsors but most of the money raised to pay for the event is raised by passing the hat at the Legion and Prospect Park," said Pratt. This year's Hold 'Em Poker tournament raised another \$7,000 for the spectacle.

"This year Canada Day falls on a Saturday, and a lot of people tend to go away on the long weekend," he said. "But we're hoping for a good turnout with it being the 150th anniversary. A few times the weather has been iffy, but we're keeping our fingers crossed."

The show will start at about 9:30 p.m. on July 1, but the Acton Firefighters will have already been on the site for a few hours before then. "It's a long day by the time we get back to the station, but it's really a labour of love," said Pratt. "We have a lot of fun by putting on a good show. It's nice to hear the cheers that goes up at the end of the finale."



Acton Firefighters setting up sandboxes at Prospect Park for last year's Canada Day fireworks display. - Submitted photos

## LEGION NEWS



By: Sharon Graham P.R.O. ~ Branch 197

Thank you to Dave Maloney, Frank Single and crew for organizing our colour party and barbeque for the Music in the Park last Sunday.

Canada Day is this Saturday. Everyone is welcome at the Branch. Bring your lawn chairs for the fireworks which start at dusk. Be early if you want to get a good seat. The Acton Citizen band will be on the patio at 7 p.m. It is always a great evening. We will be serving hotdogs.

We need your help for Canada Day. If you can give a few hours of your time to help, please leave a message with George McPhail or Ryan Wagg or leave your name at the bar. Thank you.

Check the Boards be-

hind the bar for reduced prices on Legion logo wear. There is a special deal on new Canada 150 Shirt and Cap Combos while supplies last.

Our summer hours will begin on Tuesday, July 4. They are as follows: Monday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will be closed Monday, July 3.

Come to our meat draw next Saturday for a chance to win a ticket to the Elton Rohn Show—tribute to Elton John. The show is August 13 at the Acton Arena at 7:30 p.m. with proceeds going to CASHH.

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