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The Acton Santa Claus parade will be taking place on Nov. 17, beginning at 1 p.m.

ACTON SANTA CLAUS PARADE BRINGING HOLIDAY MAGIC TO TOWN

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The 2018 Acton Santa Claus parade theme is "Christmas Magic," and when it comes to the creation of their floats, this year's participants seem to have some surprises up their sleeves.

"A lot of effort goes into the floats each year and I think a lot of groups are holding their descriptions tight to their chest," parade chair Al Scott laughed. "The applications that I've gotten have very minimal information."

Scott, who has been involved in the Acton parade

for 13 years now, says this year, the committee has teamed up with the Acton Christmas Hamper program to add a food drive to the festivities, in an effort to donate to those in need in the community.

The initiative is a collaboration with Sobeys; the Salvation Army; St. Vincent Charities with St. Joseph, Patron of Canada Church; the Knights of Columbus; and the Rotary Club.

Spectators are welcome to bring non-perishable food items or a cash donation to the parade and Sobeys personnel will be walking along the route with shopping

carts collecting the donations for the Hamper program, Scott said.

"Through teaming up with the hamper program, we want residents to realize the importance of family. We want them to realize the importance of people not going without, and helping out our neighbours," he added. "All of these charity groups do a lot of amazing work in our community to help everybody."

The Acton parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Nov. 17. The parade route runs from Queen Street and Acton Boulevard through town, ending at Prospect Park.

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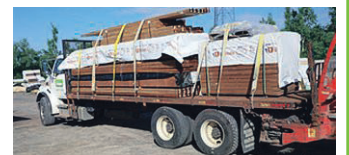
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