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Annual Canada Day Fireworks ready to dazzle at Prospect Park

An annual Canada Day tradition is all set and ready to go for another year at Prospect Park.

According to Allen Scott, of the Acton Firefighters' Association, the volunteers put a lot of work into making the show happen, with the goal of trying to improve the display each and every year.

Scott says, for this year, spectators can expect to see a fireworks display that will contain over 700 shells to brighten-up the night sky over Prospect Park and Fairy Lake, adding that it takes the crew of volunteers more than two hours to set up for ignition.

"Our shell count is in around 750 shells and we also have a large number of what they call 'cakes'. And, basically, a cake is a box with numerous shells. There'll be a lot of product down on the point at Prospect Park... It takes between two-and-a-half to four hours to set it up. It's quite labour intensive at times, that's for sure."

Scott states that improvements means more costs, with this year's display totaling at approximately \$22,000. Now while the cost of buying the fireworks is high, the Firefighters' Association is able to save more on cost through self setup.

"It's an expensive show, but the nice thing is, because it's all volunteers that set up and fire the show, we are able to do an excellent show significantly cheaper than if we were to have a company come in and shoot the same show for us."

The money used to put on the annual display is made possible through sponsorships and fundraisers held throughout the year.

In addition to sponsorships and fundraisers, Scott says the public can make donations during the night of the show as volunteers will be on stand-by, at the park entrances, to collect money.

The Canada Day Fireworks display is expected to start dazzling audiences between 9:00—9:30 P.M. or whenever it is dark enough for the fireworks to reflect properly in the sky.

If weather does pose a threat to the display, it will be rescheduled for another date.

For more information and updates on the Canada Day Fireworks display at Prospect Park, you can follow the Acton Firefighters' Association on social media.



One of the many fireworks at Prospect Park, as seen on Canada Day in 2022. Scott Brooks photo

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