

A mix of new and old traditions expected for this year's 110th Acton Fall Fair

While this year's theme is "Fair is fowl and fowl is fair," there is definitely nothing "foul" about the upcoming 110th Annual Acton Fall Fair.

Acton Agricultural Society President, Dave Somerville says he is optimistic about this year's Fall Fair given last year's great turnout following the pandemic.

"I'm quite optimistic. Last year was a good year, a lot of people came back, and countless people told me how much they missed it and how glad they were to be back and see everybody... it was a good time and I think that will continue this year, too."

According to Somerville, the team of dedicated volunteer Fair Board members have been busy working all hours to bring special attractions and exhibits that fair-goers can look forward to when attending this year's fair.

"There's something new every year and we like to go with what people like to do," says Somerville.

Some new additions for this year's fair include a cornhole tournament and a special bird show which will be in honour of this year's "fowl" theme, along with the traditional attractions such as the midway, Home-Craft Exhibit, and the horse & tractor pulls.

This year marks the final year for Somerville's term as President and he reflects quite fondly on those years, despite some difficulties faced during the pandemic.

"I feel like I've been the luckiest man in Acton, to be able to do this job and to work with the volunteers. I rose up. You're always second vice-president and then first vice-president before you're president and I was working my way up, and I got here a year earlier than I was supposed to... I stayed a couple years extra because of COVID. Personally, it has been a wonderful, wonderful experience in my lifetime, and I am thankful for the opportunity."



The midway at the 2022 Acton Fall Fair. *Scott Brooks photo*

The 2023 edition of the Acton Fall Fair is taking place from September 15th to the 17th at Prospect Park.

For more details on event schedules, info on admission, and for updates, you can visit actonfallfair.ca, follow the Acton Fall Fair on Facebook, or call the Acton Agricultural Society at 519-853-4699.

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