



The Markham Fire Department's tug-of-war team combine muscles for a winning effort over the York Regional Police.

Participation plus!

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The second annual Economist and Sun Canada Day Picnic could never have been the success it was without the support and cooperation of the entire community.

The Economist's advertising manager Pat Pappas said it best. "It could only happen in a town like Markham. There wasn't one group we approached who turned us down. Everybody worked together and it really turned out well."

Markham Transit contributed the free shuttle service from Markville Shopping Centre and saved last year's traffic headaches.

The Optimist Club ran the concession stand, and made a record \$3,500. That money will be channeled back into the community in their various youth programs.

President of the Optimist Club Marc Bossy said, "The day was a marvellous success. Next year I promise we won't run out of burgers!"

The Optimists would also like to thank local merchants who donated food or provided discounts on materials.

The 1st Milliken Mills Pathfinders also set up a booth, selling Girl Guide cookies, stickers, and prizes for the kids.

The proceeds from face-painting and the children's games went to the Markham/Stouffville hospital fund. The people manning those booths donated their time and patience.

"What was nice," said Mrs. Pappas, "is there were no commercial outlets. Whatever money people spent all goes back into the community."

The Town donated the spectacular fireworks display and the Kiwanis Club provided the experts needed to set them off.

Special thanks to Mother's Pizza, who helped keep our entertainers happy, and to the Milne Park staff for a job well done.



Jerry Morose samples the mustard for the hot dogs at the Optimist Club's concession. These hot dogs were only two of 700.



People enjoy the day near the St. John Ambulance mobile unit. It and the Markham Fire Department were both on stand-by all day, another community donation to the celebration.



Optimist Club member George Crompton keeps busy selling ice cream to a hungry crowd. The club earned \$3,500, breaking its previous fund-raising record.



Captains of the tug-of-war teams shake hands after Economist and Sun publisher Bruce Annan presented the trophy. Firefighter Jim Miles, accepts congratulations from York Regional Police Captain Ron Vey.



Markham Firefighters proudly line up for this pose. They are the reigning tug-of-war champs, winning two years in a row.