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A Big Evening in Baden this Thursday!

Who are the two new Prime Minister statues to be unveiled?



Thursday June 29, 2017 - BADEN, ONTARIO - Mackenzie King and Lester Pearson are under wraps and settling in as they await their public debuts in Baden.

Life-size bronze sculptures of Canada's 10th and 14th Prime Ministers will be unveiled at a Canada Day warm-up event on the northeast lawn of the Township of Wilmot municipal office/Castle Kilbride on Thursday, June 29th.

Wilmot artist and resident Ruth Abernethy, who created Lester Pearson, and Newfoundlander Morgan Macdonald, who sculpted Mackenzie King, will be joined by a bevy of municipal, regional, provincial and federal politicians at the 6 pm ceremony.

The evening at the Wilmot Township Administrative Complex promises something to appeal to everyone as Baden gets itself into a Canada 150 state of mind. A piper, town crier and the New Hamburg Concert Band will also be part of the unveiling programme.

Following the presentation of the two sculptures on The Prime Ministers Path, the Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades will introduce a special sesquicentennial project. A beautifully restored 1940s Fargo fire truck original to the Baden Fire Department will be unveiled to the public on the front lawn of Castle Kilbride just prior to the 7:00 p.m. concert.

Castle Kilbride Curator/Director, Tracy Loch, encourages everyone to bring along comfy lawn chairs as the evening will cap off with the first concert in the Castle's 2017 open-air summer series. A lively, foot tapping, all-Canadian program of music will be performed by the Shananigans. (*In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be performed at St. James Lutheran Church in Baden).

Another prime minister will make his way to Baden in the fall. On November 6, a sculpture of Sir Robert Borden, Canada's Prime Minister during World War I by Victoria BC artist Nathan Scott will be unveiled. Nathan will also be present at Castle Kilbride on June 29 to enjoy the Sesquicentennial celebrations.

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