We are very pleased that you will be participating in this year’s parade. Thank you for helping make the 2015 Bath Canada Day Parade - the best one ever.

This information package contains directions to the staging area, and information regarding check-in and staging, parade pacing, parade awards and safety precautions.

In keeping with the our celebrations the theme of this year’s parade is

**“REMEMBERING JOHN A MACDONALD”.**

**Timing**

The parade begins from Finkle’s Shore Park at **1pm sharp** on Canada Day and ends at the Bath Public School on County Road 7**.**  In order to allow for the staging of the parade entries, we ask that you report to Finkle’s Shore Park **no later than 1130 a.m.**

**Driving Directions:**

A shuttle service from Bath Public School on County Road 7 to Finkle’s Shore Park is provided for those who wish to leave their cars or equipment at the end of the parade route. This facilitates a quick getaway.

**Finkle’s Shores Park is Our Staging Area**

**From the east**

If you are coming to Bath from the east on Highway 33, take Academy Street to Church Street; turn left on to Church, then right at the stop light. Continue along Main Street about 1.5 kilometres to Finkle’s Shore Park.

**From the north**

Those coming from the north will follow County Road 7 to the stoplight in Bath, and then turn right onto Main Street.

**From the west**

Those coming from the west on Highway 33 will see Finkle’s Shore Park on the right hand side of the road just before coming into the Village.

**Check – in and staging**

When you arrive at Finkle’s Shores Park, **please check in with the Parade Desk**. We need to know you are present and you need to collect your placement number. Make your way to the corresponding sign post and awaiting starting instructions.

Display your parade number on the right hand side of your float or hold it up as you pass the judging stand so that the judges can see it easily. The judging stand is in front of the Royal Bank on Main Street.

The parade route is 1.9 kilometers and should take about 45 minutes**. Keeping up to the group in front of you is important to prevent large spaces between Parade Entries**

**Safety Concerns**

1. We ask that any candies or any other give away items **be handed out** **not thrown** to the crowd to keep little ones from darting into the street. Handouts should be of good quality and name brand.
2. The OPP have voiced a concern about participants riding the floats to the marshalling area. **Float participants should arrange for safe transportation to their float at the marshalling area.**

**PARADE AWARDS**

**1. BEST YOUTH ENTRY:**

Any float/marching group sponsored by a non profit organization whose programs and membership are limited to youth under the age of 18. Ex: Boy/Girl Scouts

**2. BEST ADULT ENTRY:**

Any float/marching group sponsored by a non profit organization whose programs and membership are not limited to youth under the age of 18. Ex: Churches, Kiwanis

**3. BEST COMMERCIAL ENTRY:**

Any float/marching group promoting any business, product or enterprise. Any float/marching group bearing a name, logo, slogan, etc. is considered commercial.

**4. BEST VINTAGE VEHICLE:**

Any vehicle that has been maintained restored or modified.

**5. BEST MOTORIZED VEHICLE**

Most impressive vehicle in the Parade.

**6. BEST FAMILY ENTRY**

Most impressive Family float, marching group or other entry

**7. BEST DECORATED BICYCLE:**

Best decorated bicycle in the parade.

**8. BEST BAND:**

Best group of two or more individuals playing musical instruments.

**9. BEST EQUESTRIAN /ANIMAL:**

Best entry which contains one or more live animals.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

**PARADE THEME:**

How well the entry fits the theme of the parade **REMEMBERING JOHN A MACDONALD**

**ORIGINALITY:**

The creativeness and originality in the entry’s design concept

**DESIGN DETAIL:**

Attention to detail, level of effort, difficulty

**TEAM SPIRIT**:

Showmanship of members - spirit, energy, contact and engagement with onlookers.

**ATTIRE:**

Costumes and Dress Appeal

Winners will be announced at the Official Ceremonies in Centennial Park shortly after the Parade. A list of winners will be posted at the Welcome Booth in Centennial Park and on our website: www.bathcanadaday.ca.

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Chair

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