

# WELCOME TO THE 2022 BATH CANADA DAY PARADE

## 2022 THEME: Planting Seeds for Change

After all that people have dealt with these past few years, we have chosen a positive message as this year's theme. It symbolizes the actions that each of us can take to make our community a healthier, more inclusive and more sustainable place.



## CONCERNS:

In 2019, the Committee reacted to feedback indicating a growing concern around the use of water guns, garden hoses and throwing of water balloons at people and floats in the parade.

Some past and long-time parade participants had refused to come back to the Parade citing water damage to radios and the interiors of restored automobiles. Antique machinery can seize if it gets wet and many parade participants don't want to be sprayed.

Parade watchers also complained that the spraying of water and throwing of water balloons is indiscriminate and often people are unable to move quickly enough to avoid getting wet. More concerning is the throwing of water balloons which can really sting and in at least one case, has hit a youngster in the eye. Fortunately, no damage was done, but the potential exists.

## RESPONSE

- We recognised that we couldn't control what may come your way so for 2019 we developed **NO WATER** signage for those in the parade and parade watchers. A post parade survey indicated that the No Water Signs worked well and so they will be available for 2022.
- **So, if you don't want to be sprayed, NO WATER** signs will be available at the marshalling areas and can be attached to either side of the float, car etc. Let us know if you want this signage on your registration form.
- Parade watchers will be offered **NO WATER** cards to wave at floats or walkers if they don't want to be sprayed.
- Because lots of people like to get wet, especially on a hot day, kids of all ages can cool off at 3pm with the Firemen's Foam in the Park after the Parade.

## PARADE DETAILS

### 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 arrive at Finkle's Shore Park or the corner of Main Street and Country Club Drive before 12 noon. A shuttle bus is also available from Bath Public School beginning at 11 am.

**N.B. The OPP will be diverting traffic around the Village starting at 12 noon to clear streets for the parade. It will make everything easier for you and for the Parade marshals if you are in the Village before 12 noon. This may be subject to change. We will keep you posted.**

### Shuttle Bus

- A school bus shuttle service from Bath Public School on County Road 7 (Church Street) to the corner of Country Club Drive and Main Street and Finkle's Shores 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 after the Parade if needed.

**Band members will be shuttled with their instruments to marshal at Country Club Drive and Main Street.**

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

#### Driving directly to Finkle's Shore Park

##### From the east

If you are coming to Bath from the east on Highway 33 continue along Main Street about 1.5 kilometres to Finkle's Shores Park.

##### From the north

Those coming from the north will follow County Road 7 to Loyalist Boulevard – the entrance to the Golf Club - turn left on Abbey Dawn Road and take Country Club Drive at the traffic circle to Main Street. Turn right (west) and continue to Finkle's Shores Park.

##### From the west

Those coming from the west on Highway 33 will see Finkle's Shores Park on the lake side of the road just before coming into the Village. **Remember- traffic will be diverted around the Village starting at 12 noon. Please be in Bath before then. This may be subject to change. We will keep you posted.**

**ONLY Parade participants** can park at Bath Public School and be shuttled to the Marshalling areas. If you want to park at Bath Public School, it is best to come to Bath:

From the west via County Road 8 or Highway 2 and turn south on County Road 7 (Church Street).

From Amherstview and points east along Highway 2 and turn south at County Road 7.

## **PARADE REGISTRATION AND MARSHALING**

When you arrive at Finkle's Shores Park, **please check in at the Parade Registration Desk**. We need to know you are present and you need to collect your line-up number. Your entry will be escorted and lined up along the Bath Road by one of the Parade Marshals.

The parade route is 1.9 kilometers and should take about 45 – 60 minutes.

**Once the Parade starts, PLEASE keep up to the entry in front of you.** This is important to prevent large spaces between Parade Entries especially as the Parade turns the corner at the stoplight. A couple of times, spectators have thought the Parade was over because of the large gap. We don't want them to miss seeing you!

Bands, cyclists and some floats will gather at the corner of Country Club Drive and Main Street. We will let you know if that is your gathering spot. Check in with Kent, our Lead Marshall at that corner.

## **COMFORT CONSIDERATIONS**

**FRYWAY 33** is located at the west end at Finkle's Shore Park and has cold drinks and light lunches available.

There will be three portable toilets on site including a handicapped one, with hand sanitizer.

Stay Cool. Water will be available at the marshalling areas and along the parade route. We recommend lots of sunscreen and head coverings. An awning on the float can be very helpfu.

If you are seated in a vehicle or on a float a small battery powered fan at your feet may help keep you cool. Don't forget hats and sunscreen.

## **SAFETY CONCERNS**

Candies or any other give away items **must be handed out, not thrown** to the crowd to keep little ones from darting into the street. Edibles should be of good quality and name brand.

The OPP have voiced a concern about participants riding the floats to the marshalling area. Parking at Bath Public School and using the Parade Shuttle Bus is a good strategy.

During the parade please don't hop on or off the float unless it is completely stopped.

