

Mayor's Holiday Challenge!

ILC – December 2019 FINAL (Nov.13)

The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will be stopping in Creston– raising money, food and awareness!

On **Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 9:45 am**, our community will once again be treated being a stop on the Canadian CP Holiday Train route. The train will pull in behind Millennium Park, so come down and enjoy the incredible musical talent and entertainment on the outdoor portable stage. This year's featured performer is Terri Clark, a Grammy-nominated and Juno award-winning Canadian Country artist!

This year marks the 21st season of the CP Holiday Train. Our community has been fortunate to have seen the CP Holiday Train here in 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017 and now 2019! There are two trains that start their journey in Montreal on November 25th, and visit approximately 150 communities on their cross-continent journey.

Since 1999, the Holiday Train has raised more than CAD \$15.8 million dollars and 4.5 million pounds of food for North American food banks. Everything raised in a community **stays** in that community. This year, CP will be presenting a cheque to our local Creston Valley Gleaners Food Bank. What a way to get into the spirit of giving!

My **Mayor's Holiday Challenge** is to raise a minimum of **\$6,000** to support the local Food Bank and the Ministerial Christmas Hamper programs. In past years, over \$25,000 has been raised for these two indispensable programs. **I will personally be donating \$500** to these worthwhile causes and it is my challenge to everyone to contribute what they can. You can mail or drop of your "Mayor's Holiday Challenge" donation to my attention at Town Hall. Tax deductible receipts are available for donations \$20 or greater ... just let us know if you need one. I look forward to sharing the results of this challenge with you all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the **many** local business owners and residents who organize and participate in other local fundraising initiatives, during this time of the year and otherwise. Together, we really can make a difference! I am especially appreciative of the many volunteers who donate their time and kindness to our community. You are the heart and soul of what makes Creston so wonderful. Thank you for all that you do!

On behalf of myself and my family, Merry Christmas to you and yours! Wishing you all the best for the holiday season and for the upcoming year ahead!

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