



Festival of Neighbourhoods
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Festival Finale Celebrates Kitchener's Neighbours

Kitchener neighbourhoods show us all how to "Reach out, Connect and Belong"

The Festival of Neighbourhoods Finale brought together people from across the city as well as MPs, MPPs, our mayor and city and regional councillors, to celebrate the efforts and successes of everyday hometown leaders, those neighbours who really care about their neighbourhood and succeed at bringing neighbours together. Congratulations to all participating neighbourhoods! As at every Festival Finale, we were pleased to announce this year's award winners:

Award	Neighbourhood	Activity
\$21,000 Capital	Brock Street	Garage Sale & BBQ
Ward Challenge	Ward 10	25 Neighbourhood Activities
Pillar Award	Alpine Community	Earth Day Clean-up
Arts & Culture Award	Auditorium	Musical Front Porch
Youth Award	Chicopee	Lemonade & Rainbow Loom
Safer Neighbourhood	Valleyview	Windale Park Clean-up
Green Award	Bridgeport	Spring & Fall Nature Walk
Heritage Award	Mt. Hope-Breithaupt Park	Jane's Walks
Connections Award	Traynor-Vanier	Spring Clean-up & World Soccer
Newcomer & Inclusion Awards	Grand River North	Picnic in the Park



1. Annual group picture of the Festival Finale. 2. Making scrapbook pages of neighbourhood activities. 3. Paula Saunders of the ILC (2nd R) with the winners of the Inclusion Award. 4. Mayor Zehr (2nd R), councillor Galloway-Sealock (1st L) and Mayor-elect Barry Urbanovic (1st R) with a representative of the \$21,000 Capital Grant winning neighbourhood (2nd L).

Thank you to this Year's Sponsors

A huge thank-you to this year's sponsors! Festival of Neighbourhoods is fortunate to have not only the financial support of the following local businesses and organizations, but also their support in promoting the festival throughout the year. Their participation is a true indication of their commitment to the quality of life in our community and the value of the effort and contribution of the leaders who organize their neighbourhood gatherings.

CityWorks - The Courtyard
@ Bonnie Stuart

Hammond Plumbing and Heating
Happenate
MMM Group

Independent Living Centre
of Waterloo Region

Swanson's Home Hardware
Building Centre

Waterloo Regional Police Service

Neighbour to Neighbour

People share thoughts that reflect the value of gathering with their neighbours

"When we see old play with the young, and all the colourful clothes in the grass, we truly believe that neighbours can be together regardless of where they come in the world."

FoN BILLBOARD

- The Festival of Neighbourhoods theme for the 2014/15 season is...

Creating Connections, Growing Traditions

Embrace this year's theme, and make it part of your neighbourhood gatherings.

- **Win a prize for your next neighbourhood get-together.** The first early bird draw of the season is for neighbourhood activities held between October 1st and December 31st, 2014. Register before January 13th, 2015 to be eligible for a prize!

- Be part of a new **Festival of Neighbourhoods planning group.** Meet like-minded people from around the city and help grow the Festival with your valuable insights and experience. Join us at the Youth Room in the Downtown Community Centre for the first introductory gathering on **December 9, 2014 from 6 to 7:30pm. RSVP**

- Share information on upcoming events in your neighbourhood on our **Facebook** and **Twitter** accounts, or simply by adding us to your **mailing list.**

- **Re-use the lawn signs** that were distributed at previous Festival Finales to advertise your next neighbourhood gathering.

- If you have ideas for a stronger and more inclusive neighbourhood, there are different types of grants available for **projects, initiatives and events**, that can help make them a reality.

Get involved in your neighbourhood and contact us for ideas, resources and support. Receive helpful tips and make sure that your activity qualifies your neighbourhood for the \$21,000 capital improvement grant draw.

Register qualifying neighbourhood activities held between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015 with the Festival of Neighbourhoods before October 4, 2015. Join us at the Festival Finale at Kitchener City Hall on October 18, when the draw for the \$21,000 neighbourhood improvement grant will be held and the winner announced.

FoN QUICK LINKS

- Registration Form - Mail/Fax
- Full Online Registration
- Short Online Registration - finalized by phone
- Neighbourhood Activity Trunk
- Online Booking
- 2014 Festival Map