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Re: Holiday Train Returns November 28th

The Holiday Train will be returning to North Stormont on November 28th at 2:30 p.m. This year's entertainment will include Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott. The Holiday Train, now in its 20th year, travels across parts of the Northern United States and across Canada collecting food and raising funds for local food banks. Over the past 20 years, more than \$14.5 Million has been raised and 4.3 million pounds of food collected.

The Holiday Train first stopped in Finch in 2015, thanks to the lobbying of Canadian Pacific by outgoing Deputy Mayor Bill McGimpsey. "I am very proud and excited that the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will be stopping in our Community once again this year for the fourth time. The CP Holiday Train brings awareness of some of these issues and generously contribute. Not only that but they bring headliner entertainers to our community in the process. In a village of 600 people it is amazing to have Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott put on a performance for us. I hope people will come from far and wide and donate to help to continue to support our local food banks."

Over the past three years, the Holiday Train has brought in \$6,549 in financial contributions from the community and approximately 8,820 pounds of food. Canadian Pacific has contributed \$9,000 over the past three years as well.

"The Community Food Share continues to be grateful for this wonderful partnership that has been developed with Canadian Pacific and the Holiday Train", said Ian McKelvie, Administrator for the Community Food Share. "What a wonderful way to bring members of the community together to celebrate the holiday spirit while raising awareness and support for local food banks."

Mayor-Elect Jim Wert is looking forward to another successful year. "It is events like the Holiday Train that help put small towns like Finch on the map. It is great to see the community come together year after year to listen to some home grown Canadian talent while raising food, funds and awareness for the Community Food Share."

Attendees to the event are encouraged to bring food and cash donations to support the Community Food Share. Food donation drop off centers are available at the North Stormont Arena, North Stormont Place, Monkland Community Centre and the North Stormont Township Office.

For a full list of what food items to donate or to make a financial contribution online, please visit www.communityfoodshare.ca.

The Community Food Share is a not for profit organizations that serves Dundas and Stormont Counties. With two food cupboards in North Stormont, one in Finch and one in Crysler, the Community Food Share continues to provide food access support to local residents. The Community Food Share provides services to approximately 165 households every month, representing 500 individuals.

The Township of North Stormont is a rural municipality located in the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry and is largely an agricultural community with vibrant Villages and Hamlets. Proximity to major urban centres like Ottawa and Montreal, as well as its quieter pace of life make North Stormont "A Good Place to Grow"!

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