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Kirkland Lake's Winter Carnival receives Top 100 Festival Award

Kirkland Lake's Winter Carnival has received a Top 100 Festival Award from Festivals and Events Ontario. As the Festivals Committee was wrapping up the 18-day Winter Carnival, the award was announced over the weekend at FEO's annual conference.

This marks the fourth time in the past five years that the Festivals Committee has received the prestigious award. Kirkland Lake's 18-day Winter Carnival is one of the longest and most historic festivals in Ontario dating back to the early 1950's.

Festivals Committee Chair, Julie Richard said "this award is a tribute to the volunteers, sponsors and many local organizations hosting events during Kirkland Lake's Winter Carnival."

Several local groups join the Festivals Committee in presenting annual events including Kabaret, The Legion, Swampdonkeys, Snowdrifters, Team Northern Throttle, Rotary, CJKL FM, Extendicare, Curling Club, Skating Club, KLDCS, ECJV, Knights of Columbus, Badminton Club, and the Roller Derby Team.

Parks N Rec and the Town of Kirkland Lake present several Carnival events at the Museum of Northern History, the Community Complex, Heritage North, plus a skating party hosted by the Fire Department at the outdoor rink at Civic.

Several new events were added to this year's schedule including 3-on-3 basketball and hockey tournaments, a free Mason's child's identification clinic, a charity basketball game, and a free kids' bowling event hosted by Kirkland Lake's 100th Anniversary Committee.

Approximately half of the 60-plus events during Kirkland Lake's Winter Carnival are offered free of charge for families to take part in.

The Festivals Committee is presently planning Kirkland Lake's annual Homecoming Week, which is set for June 23-July 1. Concert announcements for Homecoming will be made in the coming weeks.