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Pelham Summerfest Committee looks forward to welcoming back the award-winning festival in 2022

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Pelham, ON – The Pelham Summerfest 2022 planning is underway, and the committee is looking to welcome back the signature summer event this year after two years of being cancelled because of the pandemic.

The 2022 Pelham Summerfest volunteer committee is working behind the scenes in preparation for the 10th year of the festival. The planning for the event includes considerations of the current provincial regulations and the best practices and recommendations from public health for events. The committee acknowledged that regulations might impact this year's event and are working on contingency planning to ensure as many elements as possible return this year.

"Pelham Summerfest has the spirit of the community embedded in every part of the festival, from the volunteers to the vendors to the people who show up every year to celebrate and enjoy," said Town of Pelham, Director of Recreation Culture and Wellness Vickie vanRavenswaay. "This year, the committee is looking forward to bringing the festival back and providing an opportunity to come and chill on the hill again."

Held the third weekend in July, Pelham Summerfest 2022 offers four free days of family fun with the kick-off on Thursday, July 14, with the Summerchill Series in the park, followed by Friday's Country night, Saturday's street festival and Sunday's car show. Applications are currently being accepted for volunteers and committee members to support this year's event.

Pelham Summerfest last ran in 2019 and welcomed over 30,000 attendees, 65 vendors and 30 bands during the four-day event. The festival was recognized in 2020, the sixth year in a row, as a Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) top-100 festival. The event relied on the dedication of volunteers and community groups for its success, and in 2019 over 1,200 hours of volunteer time supported the event.

For more information, including volunteer and support opportunities, visit <u>www.pelham.ca/summerfest</u>

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