

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH HOSTING PUSLINCH COMMUNITY SHOWCASE AND 175TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

PUSLINCH – The Township of Puslinch is excited to be hosting the second annual Puslinch Community Showcase and the Township's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a special community celebration highlighted by the unveiling of the Killean School Bell Cairn.

The Puslinch Community Showcase will take place on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Puslinch Community Centre Complex (23 Brock Rd S). The Showcase will feature over 65 vendors, including artisans with handcrafts, local businesses promoting their products and services, and local community groups highlighting their clubs' services. The Township's Fire Department will be in attendance as well as the Youth Advisory Committee who will be offering drop-in youth programming and friendship bracelet making at the Optimist Recreation Centre Gymnasium. The Optimist Club of Puslinch will be offering lunch to all patrons at a reduced cost as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

At 12:00 p.m., the Township will host the official unveiling of the Killean School Bell Cairn, a new heritage monument honouring the Township's 175-year history. The cairn commemorates the 12 school sections of Puslinch, with the original Killean School Bell – once used at the one-room log schoolhouse of the seventh school section in the 1850s – serving as the cairn's centrepiece. The unveiling ceremony will include remarks from Mayor Seeley and other community representatives. The Township's Heritage Advisory Committee and Puslinch Historical Society will be hosting a booth, showcasing the history of the Township's school sections and celebrating 175 years of Puslinch.

"The unveiling of the Killean School Bell Cairn as part of our 175th anniversary is a meaningful way to recognize and honour the rich history of Puslinch," said Mayor James Seeley. "We are proud to celebrate this milestone with our residents, community partners, and local businesses at the Puslinch Community Showcase. This event truly brings together our heritage, our people, and our future."

The Puslinch Community Showcase continues to be a highlight in the Township's economic development initiatives, designed to enhance the visibility of local businesses and community groups. The Showcase is a complementary event with participants and attendees invited to make a \$15 donation towards the upgrade of the Puslinch Community Centre Digital Sign, and the construction of the Killean School Bell Structure. The Township encourages everyone to come out and support the Showcase for a day of shopping, eating, and connecting with our vibrant local businesses.

For updates about the Puslinch Community Showcase and 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event visit the Township's social media platforms, <u>Facebook.com/TownshipofPuslinch</u>, <u>Instagram.com/townshipofpuslinch/</u>, and <u>X.com/TwpPuslinchON</u>. For more information contact the Township at <u>admin@puslinch.ca</u> or 519-763-1226 ext. 4.