

Concert in the Park

On Saturday, June 29, the residents of New Dundee enjoyed the first of three scheduled concerts at the Bandshell. John Scott from the Board of Trade welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming and introduced the band. New Horizons 1914 Band is made up of local musicians from the K-W and surrounding areas, including Robert Fiederlein of New Dundee, under the direction of Ray Sweezey, a retired high school music teacher. The 1914 Band is one of several New Horizons Bands from across Canada. Ray and his wife Roseanna Rigo along with Paul Ellingham and Steve Hagedorn are the founders of the group.

As this was the start of the Canada Day weekend, organizers Emily Layng, Audrey Fiederlein and Marilyn Sararus served cake to everyone as they arrived at the park. In keeping with the era of the music being played, the committee sold fresh popcorn for 5 cents per bag. Clear skies, warm temperature and a gentle breeze made it a perfect evening for music in the park. Around 120 listened, some sang along and many tapped their feet to the old tunes. Roseanna Rigo, the band's manager/organizer said the following in an email sent to Audrey Fiederlein: *"What a lovely way to spend a summer's evening. The residents of New Dundee on the committee were so welcoming and what an audience as well (best we've ever had and more than come out to Sunday night at Waterloo Park for the various bands). I hope everyone in the band enjoyed playing for them. We may even get invited back at some point."*

Nancy Birss thanked the band for a wonderful evening of great entertainment. She also announced the dates and bands for the other summer concerts.

Saturday July 27 – New Hamburg Concert Band.

Saturday August 24 – Those guys (a local acoustic rock band).

All of these events begin at 7 p.m. Please bring your own lawn chair and all are welcome.

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