



Township of Wainfleet

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13 For 13 Festival 'a night to remember' in Wainfleet

Wainfleet, ON – The much anticipated Wainfleet venue of the 13 for 13 Cultural Festival was the place to be last night in Niagara as the Township partnered with Nunavut to host the 2022 Canada Summer Games athletes, youth ambassadors and visitors from all over the province and across Canada.

An estimated 500 residents, guests and fans attended the cultural event held at the Wainfleet Arena Park and featuring Juno Award winner Susan Aglukark and the Juno and Polaris nominated local band - the Great Lake Swimmers.

The intimate venue, in the heart of the iconic Marshville Heritage Village, provided a great opportunity for guests to get up close and interact not only with the Summer Games athletes, but with some truly world-class performers. "This is the kind of small-town fair experience you just can't get in a large urban venue," said Deputy Clerk, Meredith Ciuffetelli. "To be able to share an event that special with so many Wainfleet residents – it was just what we wanted – an amazing night to remember."

Wainfleet Councillor Donna Cridland, who opened the event at 5pm and presented medals to the winners of the men's and women's cycling time trials earlier in the day, shared the unique feeling of being part of the 2022 Games.

"The chance to come together for such great reasons – to celebrate competitive sport with the athletes, coaches and parents – to celebrate music with Susan Aglukark and the Great Lake Swimmers – to celebrate the Avalak gold medal victory with our partners in Nunavut – it's been incredible."

Wainfleet Mayor Kevin Gibson, who was unable to attend due to illness, thanked all those who planned, organized and worked to facilitate the Township's festival event. "As a small municipality, we mobilized key people in all parts of the Township – Operations, Recreation, Clerks, Communications, Finance and Administrative staff, Indigenous leaders, Council, our local business sponsors and all the great volunteers - and everyone rose to the occasion," said the Mayor. "A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who helped to bring this event together."

