

No room for Classic & Custom car show at this year's Caledon Day

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This summer, Caledon Day will have some new surprises at this year's upcoming event.

For the first time, Tokyo Police Club will be the headline act, taking centre stage on Saturday at 8 p.m.

The event is on Sat. June 15, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m., and will be held at Caledon Civic Campus in Caledon's East end.

However, this year, according to Dave Frost, president of the Classic & Custom Cars, Trucks, Bikes of Caledon, was declined vendor space for his cars because he was told the festival had an abundance of performers and vendors compared to previous years, and told him they don't have any space to provide them with.

"I found out through the Town of Caledon and Heather Savage told me they were tight for space for vehicles because of the performers and volunteers, so they decided to take that space from us," explained Frost.

The Husky Main Stage Line-up is larger than last years and includes: Sonshine and Broccoli, 2019 JUNO Nominees, Rhythtfoot, the renowned Leahy Family, Creedance Clearwater Survival, for the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, Toronto's own all female funk/soul band Grace and lastly an alt-country singer, Blackie Jackett Jr.

The final act will of course be, Tokyo Police Club at 8:30 p.m.

During the day there are zones of activities where vendors set up and people can walk around and look. That area for the vendors used to have room for the Classic & Custom Car Show.

In 2020, Frost said the community complex is going to be expanding, according to Savage, and will be under construction in 2020, with no definitive end date.

"Obviously we are upset," said Frost, "but we are more upset that we won't be able to participate in Caledon Day until after construction. "

Frost insists that the car show was one of the top five favourite events throughout the day.

"I was there last year and we have a very good response. Lot's of people came specifically to Caledon Day for the car show and then stayed for the rest," Frost said.

While disappointed, Frost notes he still gets excited weekly when all the Caledon cruisers meet every night in the Bolton parking lot.

"Last Thursday we had 120 classic cars show up in the lot." Continued Frost.

The Citizen reached out to Heather Savage, the Manager of Recreation for the Town of Caledon who is responsible for Caledon Day 2019.

Savage told the Citizen, that the goal of Caledon Day 2019 is to stay relevant in today's world and to reflect the values and interests of the community and to maximize the fun with the budget they have.

A new event this year has the Caledon Public Library introducing a Tech Fair, which will explore cutting edge technology and learn

about virtual reality, robots and 3D printing.

?For many years a car and motorcycle show has been one of the most visible attractions at Caledon Day,? explained Savage. ?And we certainly appreciate the Caledon Cruisers have contributed, but the space traditionally occupied by the car show will, for logistical and other reasons, will be used for other purposes,? Savage stated.