

# Beaconsfield celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**B**eaconsfield, an independent municipality of 19,000 on Montreal's West Island is this year celebrating the

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100th anniversary of the city's establishment in 1910. While Beaconsfield's actual birthday was in June, many events are planned through the rest of the summer and fall including historical walks, musical concerts, art shows, theatre and a triathlon.

"The June 4th - 1910 Street Party of the Century was a great success", Beaconsfield Mayor David Pollock told The West End Times. "Thousands of Beaconsfielders came out to enjoy the parade and festivities. It was such a great evening for the community."

Beaconsfield's roots stretch back as far as 1678 when Jean Guenet was given one of the first concessions in Beaufort. In 1874, the Honourable J.H. Menzies bought a large farm on the lakeshore, now occupied

partly by the Beaconsfield Yacht Club, and changed its name to Beaconsfield in honour of his friend Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, and British Prime Minister under Queen Victoria. At the time of the city's incorporation in 1910, the name Beaconsfield was chosen, a name already in common usage to designate the eastern part of the new city, the train station and the Beaconsfield Golf Club.

"Beaconsfield citizens take great pride in living here," Pollock added.

Many events are scheduled to commemorate the centennial. Among these, this Saturday sees an historical walk from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This walk (with a French narrative) will help participants discover the rich history of Beaconsfield. The guided walking tour leads along the Lakeshore from St. Charles to the East end of Beaconsfield. The tour is Hosted by the Beaconsfield-Beaufort Historical Society and the walk takes place rain or shine. The meeting point is St. James Park, corner of St. Charles and Lakeshore Rd.



Photo: Nicole Khoury

Past Councillor James Hasegawa, Councillor Michael Montagnano, MNA Geoff Kelley, Mayor David Pollock, M.P. Francis Scarpaleggia, and Beaconsfield Centennial 2010 Steering Committee Chair Daniele Bouchard-Serhan cut ribbon before serving cupcakes to the crowd on June 4.

More information about this free walk can be obtained by telephoning 514 695-2502.

Tuesday, July 20 sees an outdoor concert with The Moonlights Band playing tunes from the 1950s at Centennial Park, 288 Beaconsfield Blvd beginning at 7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the venue changes to Beaufort United Church at 25 Fieldfare. Word has it that 'the king' himself is expected at this free rock concert. For more information, call 514 428-4480.

Other upcoming events in Beaconsfield are listed below. Unless indicated otherwise, they take place in Centennial Park (288 Bea-

consfield Blvd) or— in the event of rain—at Beaufort United Church (25 Fieldfare). And most events are free:

Shona African Sculpture Exhibition and Sale  
Saturday, July 24 to Sunday, Aug. 1-10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

Concert / Alpha Thiam (West African music)  
Saturday, July 24-7 p.m.

Concert / REPLAY the Beatles – (a Beatles tribute band) 1960s  
Tuesday, July 27-7:30 p.m.

Beaufort Centennial Triathlon

Sat, July 31-7:30 a.m. to 4p.m. Beaufort Pool and Rockhill Park, 545 Beaufort Drive This event is organized by two 15-year-olds (the Simpson twins), their friends and parents. This friendly competition will raise awareness, money and dry goods for the Benedict Labre House (a homeless shelter).

Concert / Airport '77 – 1970s

(disco music)  
Tuesday, Aug 3-7:30 p.m.

Concert / West Island Youth Symphony Orchestra  
Sunday, August 8-3 p.m.

Concert / Jimmy James Band – 1980s/1990s (rhythm, blues, jazz, rock, country, fusion, classical and funk)  
Tuesday, August 10-7:30 p.m.

Historical Walking Tour / Beaufort and Thompson Point  
Saturday, August 14-9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (in French)

Concert / Dave Gossage and The Celtic Mindwarrior - 2000+ (jazz, African music, rhythm and blues, drum/bass, Indian music and, of course, Irish and Scottish traditional music)  
Tuesday, August 17-7:30 p.m.

Shakespeare in the Park / Romeo and Juliet  
Wednesday, Aug 18-7:30 p.m.

Centennial Summer Sizzler (G.I. eliminator obstacle course; Euro bungee trampoline; surf simulator; strolling magician; live DJ animation; beach volleyball; caricature artist (\$); novelty airbrush tattoos (\$); and Cunningham's sizzling BBQ (\$))  
Friday, August 20-7:30 p.m.

Centennial Classic Car Show  
Sun, Aug. 22-11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Angell Woods Art and Photography Exhibition  
Tuesday, Aug. 31 to Sept. 10th - at Beaconsfield Library

More events listings and more details are found at: [www.beaconsfield100.ca/eventslen/](http://www.beaconsfield100.ca/eventslen/)



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