

Beaconsfield to return to 1910 for a day

*Centennial celebration
will feature Beaufort
going back to the past*

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Fact or fiction: The mayor of Beaconsfield used to wear a gold head piece for important events. The oldest part of Beaconsfield is still officially known by Canada Post as Beaufort. In the old, old days, it could take as many as eight hours to travel from Beaconsfield to Montreal? Pointe Claire was once part of Beaconsfield.

To discover the answers, you need only go to the end of the article. To get an explanation will require an online visit to the city of Beaconsfield's Centennial website that includes a daily fact or fiction question. There will be 100 in all, counting down to the city's major party taking place in Beaufort on June 4. Dubbed the Party of the Century, the steering committee responsible for the event is preparing a trip back in time to 1910, the town's birth.

"We are setting the stage with actors, props and re-enactments," said Daniele Bouchard-Serhan, chair of the Beaconsfield 100 Steering Committee. The night will also include the screening of a silent film with piano accompaniment at the Beaufort Church as well as musical performances and various exhibitions.

"There will also be a parade that will include vintage vehicles and fire trucks," said Bouchard-Serhan. The Girl Guides, also celebrating their centennial, will be present during the commemorative parade.

The Beaconsfield Historical Society will be hosting lectures and the Beaconsfield Environment Committee will be holding a walking tour to various historically significant homes throughout the town.

Bouchard-Serhan also noted that the bulk of the events to coincide with the celebration will be free and suggests residents and interested parties alike stay in touch with the city's upcoming birthday via the website. Contributions, recollections and photos are also welcome.

"We hope that it's catchy, after all, this celebration has been 100 years in the making!" Bouchard-Serhan said.

To learn more about Beaconsfield's upcoming 100th birthday, go online at www.beaconsfield100.ca.

The answers to the four fact/fiction questions are: fiction, fact, fact, fiction. ■

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