

Game On – Neighbourhood Street Party

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Thank you Jessica. Good day everybody. It's a real pleasure to be able to join you here for the Game On Neighbourhood Street Party. I'd like to acknowledge and thank our special guests today, Trevor Daley of the Stanley Cup Champion Pittsburgh Penguins and Colin Miller of the Boston Bruins.

As previously mentioned, today's event has been made possible through the support and collaboration of a great number of sponsors and service providers. It's a really long list, so I won't recap it in full again, instead, on behalf of City Council, I'll offer a global thank you once more to all of the supporting partners and businesses for their contributions.

However, I believe that there was one extremely important group overlooked in the "thank yous" so far, and that is the residents of the Albion and Chapple neighbourhood. Thank you to all of you for the huge role you have played in making today happen.

Because this is very much your event. It's one that has arisen from your efforts. It's one that has incorporated your ideas. It's one that is reflective of your spirit and your positive energy, which are in evidence all around us. You've taken the initiative to invite the whole community to your neighbourhood—and that's a really tremendous thing.

When you care about a place—whether it's a neighbourhood, a community, or a country—then it becomes important to try to give back to that place. It's important to advocate for that place and to share what is great about it with others. And to me, it is abundantly clear that you are doing all of this here in your neighbourhood.

I want to be brief today, because my speaking is interrupting the games and holding back the food, so I'll turn it back to Jessica momentarily. But before I go, I just to want to thank everyone for coming out today and for inviting me here to participate with you. Best wishes for a great celebration and lots of fun!