



MP McColeman and Walton Announce Hockey Night in Brantford 2014

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Brantford, ON, April 25, 2014 – Brant MP Phil McColeman today was joined by sponsors, partners and volunteers to unveil exciting news for local hockey fans and community organizations supported by the Brant United Way – the August 13, 2014 return of Hockey Night in Brantford.

“Hockey Night in Brantford has been a tremendous success right from its inception” said MP McColeman. “Our sponsors and volunteers have returned this year bursting with energy and new ideas. That means fans can once again expect exciting new twists and additions to this year’s festivities.”

Last year, Hockey Night in Brantford grew beyond a celebration of local hockey heroes into a full-blown celebration of everything hockey. This year, the maturation of Hockey Night in Brantford continues with the annual charity game and celebration fast becoming an entertainment fixture in the community.

Since 2012, Hockey Night in Brantford has raised \$170,000 to support the Brant United Way and its member agencies. Today it was announced that once again, community builders the Walton Group are partnering with Hockey Night in Brantford as the title sponsor and key event partner.

Walton is a family-owned, multinational real estate investment, planning and development firm that has a strong presence in the Brant-Brantford area. Through its leading role supporting Hockey Night in Brantford, Walton is once again showcasing its commitment to partnering with the communities where it does business and its pride in building communities that will stand the test of time: hometowns for present and future generations.

“Walton is honoured to once again partner with MP McColeman to present Hockey Night in Brantford in support of Brant United Way. We are excited to take part in this fantastic community event and we are thrilled to help make this year’s Hockey Night an even greater success,” said Joel Doherty, Senior Planning and Development Manager with Walton. “Walton is proud to support the communities where we invest and we remain committed to building a better Brant-Brantford community for many years to come.”

The August 13 game at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre will once again feature pro hockey stars vying for the Speaker's Cup, donated by Brant MPP and Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, Dave Levac.

Brantford native **Adam Henrique** will return to captain "Team Henrique" after a season that saw the young hockey star breakout in the month of March to garner back-to-back NHL star of the week honours. Paris hockey hero **Zac Dalpe** will also return to captain "Team Dalpe" following his first season with the Vancouver Canucks after being traded from the Carolina Hurricanes in September.

This year, fans can not only expect more exciting roster additions from the highest levels of professional hockey, but also some celebrity roster additions.

McColeman announced that Canadian actor, songwriter, and TV show host **Alan Thicke** will suit up for the August charity game. Thicke, an inductee into Canada's Walk of Fame, is known for his role in movies and hit television series including the smash hit *Growing Pains*, and recently launched his new reality TV show, *Unusually Thicke*.

Also joining this year's roster is Gemini Award winning journalist, author, documentary producer and television host **Steve Paikin**. He is currently the anchor of TVO's flagship current affairs program, The Agenda with Steve Paikin.

McColeman emphasized that game-day raffle tickets are already on sale at the Brant United Way, offering lucky fans a chance to win:

- Two return trip tickets to anywhere Air Canada flies
- Two return trip tickets to anywhere Westjet flies
- A \$1,500 rail voucher from VIA Rail

Teams of Hockey Night in Brantford volunteers will also be out in the community selling raffle tickets at various locations beginning on May 3rd.

Game-day tickets will be available starting next week at www.ticketscene.ca.

For more information, visit www.hockeynightinbrantford.ca.

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