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Request for recognition of event of municipal significance
From: Todmorden Mills Heritage Site

Statement of Significance

Todmorden Mills Heritage Site requests that its Fab Forties event be listed as an Event of Municipal Significance.

Historical Significance

Garden parties were popular events during the Second World War, held by many organizations and industries to support the war effort and to boost the morales of those on the home front. Usually held during afternoons, attendees enjoyed strolling in gardens and parks, playing games like croquet, listening and dancing to music, and participating in contests.

Name of the Event

Fab Forties

Exact Address or Location of the Event

Todmorden Mills Heritage Site
67 Pottery Road
Toronto, Ontario
M4K 2B9

The Purpose of the Event

Todmorden Mills' newly restored historic house interprets family life in Toronto during the early 1940s, depicting how Torontonians responded to and contributed to the local war effort. The Fab Forties event will help Todmorden Mills meet its interpretive goals while increasing attendance and awareness of the museum.

Fab Forties is a one-day event that includes live jazz performances, instruction in period dance, a costume contest judged by costume specialists, playing of croquet and other games on the grounds, sampling of period foods as well as the sale of popular drinks from the 1940s. Vintage gramophones will be played and 1940s cars will be on display.

Fab Forties at Todmorden Mills serves as an opportunity for participants to experience a popular summer activity during the early 1940s. A tour of the restored historic house will be offered to tell the story of Toronto during the war years, while the dancing, music, games and other activities will enable participants to experience the social culture of 1940s wartime Toronto.

The Date and Time of the Event

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Start Time: Noon

End Time: 4 p.m.

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