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# **COMMUNITY LEADERS SUPPORT "HOCKEY DAY IN CAYUGA"**

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**CAYUGA, ON (August 11, 2025)**— MPP Haldimand-Norfolk Bobbi Ann Brady, Haldimand County Mayor Shelley Ann Bentley, and Haldimand County Councillor John Metcalfe have come together to endorse Hockey Day In Cayuga, along with supporting the efforts of the Cayuga Minor Hockey, the Haldimand River Kings, and the Haldimand Rivercats hockey teams.

"Hockey Day in Cayuga is more than just the game — it's a celebration of community, tradition, and the small-town spirit that brings us all together. In places like Cayuga, the rink isn't just ice — it's heart, heritage, and home", said Brady.

"Hockey Day in Cayuga will be fantastic because of the incredible work of Cayuga Minor Hockey, the Haldimand River Kings, and the Rivercats — organizations that nurture not just players, but pride across Haldimand County," she added. "From the youngest skaters finding their stride to the parents in the stands and the volunteers behind the scenes, this day is a testament to what happens when a community rallies around its kids and its passion for the game."



FISHERVILLE - Left to right, top row: Cayuga Minor Hockey Graduate Ethan Kindree, a member of the Owen Sound Attack and Logan MacLeod. Left to right, middle row: Keaten Worron, Rylynn Davidson, Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP Haldimand-Norfolk, John Metcalfe, Haldimand County Councillor, Shelley Ann Bentley, Mayor of Haldimand County, Ady Davidson and Jase Chetwynd. Left to right, bottom row: Deacon MacLeod, Paisley Chetwynd and Caeleb MacLeod. Photo Courtesy: Toppline Design Photography

"Hockey Day in Cayuga is a shining example of how our community comes together to support and celebrate our youth through the power of sport," explained Bentley. "Events like this not only build strong bonds among neighbours but also create lasting opportunities for our children to grow, play and thrive."

"Hockey day in Cayuga is a culmination of players, coaches and volunteers that make this day truly special," said Metcalfe. "There is outstanding support of the sponsors and local businesses that play an integral part in making days like these possible. I'm looking forward to attending this special event."

Hockey Day In Cayuga is a fundraising event held at the Cayuga Memorial Arena on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Nearly 1,000 young people between the ages of 3 and 22 will represent Haldimand County-based organizations.

Hockey Day In Cayuga will feature an Equipment Swap presented by Stay Sharp Sporting Goods, a Free Pancake & Sausage Breakfast presented by Smelser Meats, Lion Floyd's Fisherville District Lions Club Bottle & Can Drive, and Community Living Haldimand will be onsite all day, preparing \$1 Hot Dogs for Loonie Dogs Day presented by Cayuga Foodland.

Cayuga Minor Hockey, the Haldimand River Kings and the Haldimand Rivercats will be on hand all day, selling event programs and pucks for a Chuck the Puck Toss and 50/50 tickets.

On game day morning, all Cayuga Minor Hockey players will show off their abilities, and in the afternoon, there will be Exhibition Hockey Games. The Haldimand River Kings U8MD and U9MD Intersquad games, the Haldimand Rivercats vs. Norfolk HERicanes - U15B Exhibition Game, the Haldimand River Kings will host the Norfolk Knights U15A Exhibition Game, a St. Catharines Brock Jr. Badgers vs. Stoney Creek Sabres U13AA Girls Exhibition Game, and a Public Skate.



The evening will feature an OHA Junior C season opener home game between the Hagersville Hawks and the Dunnville Jr Mudcats at 7:30 p.m., preceded by Special Guests, a live rendition of our National Anthem—O Canada—along with the Legion Honour Guard, an Official Ceremonial Puck Drop by Grace McKeen, a sponsor hospitality area, and the Hagersville Hawks Blueline Club in McSorley Hall.

Events will start at 8:00 a.m. and run throughout the day and into the evening. The day will be capped off as one lucky spectator can win a Honda ATV in the "Rapid Fire Shoot the Puck Contest" presented by Premier Equipment.

Admission will be free, and proceeds will support our Cayuga Minor Hockey, the Haldimand River Kings, and the Haldimand Rivercats organizations.

This event is made possible by the following in support of our community:

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### **Game Day / Event Details**

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