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FEB FEST RETURNS WITH AN ADDED DAY OF FESTIVITIES

February is just around the corner, the winter weather has returned to Kingston so Downtown Kingston is gearing up for its fourth annual winter celebration, Feb Fest! Festivities begin this year a day earlier, on Wednesday February 6th with opening ceremonies to be held at 10 am on the ice at Market Square.

New this year will be several on-ice demonstrations. Kingston's Sledge Hockey players will take to the ice Wednesday afternoon at 4pm followed by a demonstration of Elite Ringette at 7 pm. As well, several of the NHL's most beloved trophies will be on display at Memorial Hall, City Hall from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon. They include the Art Ross Trophy for top point earner, The Hart Memorial for MVP in the regular season, The Conn Smythe for MVP of the playoffs and the Maurice Richard Trophy for the leading goal scorer of the season. We are delighted that Claude Lemieux, winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy in 1995 will be one of the featured celebrities in the Limestone Classic Hockey Tournament!

This year, the non-stop entertainment of Feb Fest includes: free public skating daily; Imagination on Ice starring British National Singles Champion and Olympic figure skater Steven Cousins as well as many talented local skaters; The Limestone Classic 4 on 4 shinny hockey tournament featuring Kirk Muller, Doug Gilmour and other NHL greats such as Gary Leeman, Paul Coffey, Mark Napier, Bob Probert and Claude Lemieux; Party in the Square featuring up and coming Vancouver band, State of Shock, and it all wraps up with a blast from the past on Sunday with the Historic Hockey Series. Confederation Park will be a buzz with the snow sculpture competition on Thursday and Friday and ice sculptures will adorn Market Square.

Founded by a volunteer committee led by Kirk Muller, Downtown Kingston! BIA, Kingston Accommodation Partners, KEDCO, Queen's University and the City of Kingston, Feb Fest is a free event open to everyone to see the best of what a Kingston winter has to offer.

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Feb Fest Event Schedule:

Wednesday, February 6th

- 10:00am **Opening Ceremonies**
Join Mayor Harvey Rosen and the Town Crier to help kick off Feb Fest
- 10:00am – 6:00pm **Free Public Skating**
- 4:00 pm **Sledge Hockey Demonstration**
- 7:00 pm **Ringette Demonstration**

Throughout the day enjoy free public skating, tours of City Hall, Ice sculptures and Horse-drawn wagon rides.

Thursday, February 7th

- 7:30 am – 10:00 pm **Public Skating**
- 9:00 am **Ice sculpture** demonstration in Market Square
- 12 noon **Snow sculpture** competition begins in Confederation Park
- 7:00 pm **Imagination on Ice** starring Steven Cousins

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Friday, February 8th

- 7:30am – 10:00pm **Free Public Skating**
- 11:00 am **Skate with the Frontenacs**
- 7:00pm **Party in the Square** featuring **State of Shock**

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Saturday, Feb 4

- 8:30 am **Exhibition Game** between CFB Kingston and NHL Celebrities
- 9:00am – 5:00pm **The Limestone Classic**
Kirk Muller, Doug Gilmour and many other NHL celebrities play a round robin hockey tournament
- 5:00pm – 10:00pm **Free Public Skating**

Sunday, Feb 5

- 7:30am – 1:00pm **Free Public Skating**
- 2:00pm – 3:30pm **Annual Historic Hockey Series**
Players from RMC, Queen's, and RCHA Petawawa face off
- 4:00pm – 10:00pm **Free Public Skating**

Event details and updates can be found at www.febfestkingston.com

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