

## King's Springfest event cancelled

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An annual spring festival in King has been sidelined, paving the way for others in the community.

According to Chris Fasciano, director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, during the 2015 budget deliberations, staff went through the process of evaluating the number, scope and size of municipally operated events, to ensure we are offering the best possible experiences for our residents.

Part of that evaluation, he said, showed that five annual events were occurring at Cold Creek -- Winterfest, Springfest, Fallfest, Maple Syrup Festival and the pre-Halloween Haunted House.

In order to operate more efficiently and reach a larger audience, some of the events at Cold Creek were taken off the schedule and will be re-purposed in an effort to reach out into the various communities of King.

As the Township grows, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the development of new features available to our residents and these community based events will be a part of it.

For example, Fasciano said the Township will be hosting a grand opening celebration in Hickstead Memorial Park in early June this year in place of Springfest. This will mark the opening of King's first splash pad and connect with residents in the village of Schomberg.