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Where were you on August 20?

Where were you on the evening of Saturday, August 20, 2016? A memorable and festive night was had by some 3,000 residents of Aurora at the historic Town Park for the live outdoor screening of the CBC's broadcast of ?The Tragically Hip: A National Celebration.?

On behalf of the Town of Aurora, the event organizers and our community volunteers, we'd like to thank the residents of Aurora and the many out-of-town visitors who partook in this marvelous community event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was great to see whole families out, including young and old fans of the Hip.

Special guests, The Spencer MacKenzie Band, entertained the crowd with their youthful yet professional talent which received thunderous approval from the crowd. Town Park had a great vibe and the glowing cellphones, neon neck/wrist bands along with old school lighters made for a special and electrifying energy throughout the night.

We'd also like to recognize the wonderful generosity of those who attended ? through the ?Pass The Bucket Donation? effort, $1,700 was raised for the Gord Downie Brain Cancer Research Fund in association with the Sunnybrook Hospital Foundation.

Donations may also be made to the fund online at www.sunnybrook.ca/gord which to-date has raised $265,000, and growing daily as a result of community events over the weekend, according to the Sunnybrook Foundation.

A special thank you to our volunteers, partners, technical crew and Town Staff for their support.

Also, a big thank you goes out to our Town Councillors and Mayor who worked the free corn roast with donations benefitting the Gord Downie Fund.

For those who missed the evening at Town Park, you still have the opportunity to sign the Community Well Wishes book for Gord Downie and the Tragically Hip which will be left at the Town Hall Reception Desk until Saturday, September 9.

Here's to more community live music events in Aurora!

Jamie MacDonald & Greg Smith
Aurora Winter Blues Festival

John Abel
Aurora Music Festival