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The Perth and District Historical Society November 20, 2025 Meeting: Celebrating What Makes Christmas

The Perth & District Historical Society for its November 20, 2025 meeting takes us to “the most wonderful time of the year”. It’s a happy, perhaps even rambunctious, period full of reflections rising from the nostalgia of practices that come from the fact that we always do certain things the same way, even if modified by new interpretations.

Memories and images of Christmas. We all have our own family traditions many of which have come from previous generations though whose side – mother’s or father’s – is no longer clear. Happy ones based on our own personal experiences over the years. – family gatherings around a Christmas Tree to be followed at the dinner table. Some of these traditions come from our European roots brought with the wave of immigrants during the 1800s and 1900s, some borrowed from different cultures further away, while some might be new to our family, but sound like a great idea.

“Twas the Night” takes us on a journey where history, culture and traditions blend and merge. Through stories, research and memories we get to look at the ‘Why do we...?’ surrounding this unique time of the year through the eyes of Perth’s Father Christmas, Brent McLaren.

We all know our own Town Cryer. He is present at all the events taking place in Perth throughout the year. However, it is at Christmas time when he shines throwing himself into the jovial persona of Father Christmas. And this year should be no exception.

The Perth and District Historical Society is dedicated to learning about and popularising our history and is a forum for discussion and celebration of our area’s rich culture and heritage. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public, at 7:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Perth-Upon-Tay, Branch 244, home of the Hall of Remembrance, 26 Beckwith St. E. in Perth. The usual “Tonnie Fee” applies for each meeting. For information, contact Ellen Dean at 613-264-8362. Our website at www.perthhs.org has additional information about us and items of interest related to Perth and district.

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