



MEDIA RELEASE

CRC Presents Dramatic Reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol featuring CBC's Judy Maddren

The Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) presents a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol* on Sunday December 8 at 7 pm, hosted by the congregation of Ebenezer United Church on the Guelph Line. The reading features narration by one of CBC's great radio voices, **Judy Maddren**. Joining the cast and bringing his special energy to the reading is **Adam van Koeverden**, kayak Olympian and newly elected MP for Milton.

A Christmas Carol tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, one of literature's great joyless curmudgeons. With help from the ghosts of Christmases past, present and Christmas yet-to-come, he is transformed. **John Cripton (Great World Artists)** and **Harry Wilson** have adapted the text to create a theatrical script, using Dickens' dialogue. Jacob Marley, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim are among the characters who will spring to life. Young activists, CRC's Rand Peter and Spencer Lippa, the youngest member of Canada's Green Party, will be the young voices in the story.



The production will also feature sound effects by **Colin Smith**, costume accents by **Susan Strachan Johnson** and live music by **Robin Aggus**.

The magic of Charles Dickens' words has made *A Christmas Carol* a tradition of hope and change to be savoured year after year, generation through generation. Judy Maddren was the far-sighted founder of the popular CBC tradition of readings in 1990. In 2016 she received a Meritorious Service Medal from Governor General David Johnson for this initiative. The *Christmas Carol* readings have benefitted shelters, food banks, libraries and hospitals across Canada, and brought joy to the communities that support them.

This reading supports the Concerned Residents Coalition, raising funds to protect our environment and community, at risk from the proposed Hidden Quarry near Rockwood. The quarry proposal was reviewed at a 7-week-long LPAT Hearing which ended in July 2019. The decision is yet to come. The CRC has raised more than \$750,000 over the past seven years to cover costs of expert consultants and legal services. The remaining funds are being raised through donations and through events like this reading which have leavened the long and arduous task the CRC set itself in 2013.

Event Details:

Sunday, December 8, 2019

6 pm Doors open with wine (Peller wine donated by Sweetgrass Equestrian) and refreshments
7 pm Reading

Ebenezer United Church

12274 Guelph Line Milton LoP 1B0

North of Brookville, South of Rockwood

Tickets: \$50 (adults) \$20 (children)

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