

BANDS ON THE BOARDWALK

REPORT TO PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA

GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2010

The 10th Annual Bands on the Boardwalk Scottish Festival was held at Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, on Saturday, June 26, 2010. This year the rain held off until all of the bands had competed and then poured down on us as the prizes were awarded in the bandstand. The judges provided written critiques to over 89 solo entrants and 7 bands competing in 7 separate events.

Over the years Bands on the Boardwalk has received a great deal of support from the Town of Winnipeg Beach and many of the businesses located there. The Committee is very appreciative of the support from Winnipeg Beach, the Prairie Pipe ^{Band} Association of Manitoba as well as from all of our other sponsors, donators, bands and individuals.

But all good things must come to an end and so it has been decided not to hold another event at Winnipeg Beach in 2011. In its place we will establish a new competition in Winnipeg at The Forks on May 28, 2011.

This new contest will be called the Riverwalk Highland Gathering and will be the only outdoor highland games in the city of Winnipeg. It boasts a central location for easy access but also for greater visibility. Our hope is that this centralized location will encourage more awareness and attendance among the general public. More exposure of our piping and drumming hobby as well as more visibility for our bands will hopefully help our community grow in the long run. So, please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the first annual Riverwalk Highland Gathering at the Forks on May 28th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:
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