



AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

GRAND OPENING

OF THE LISTOWEL AGRICULTURAL FAIR
THURSDAY, JULY 18th

Schedule of Events:

- ◆ Parade starts at Livingstone Park, 7pm
- ◆ Opening Ceremonies following the parade

Official Opening of the 163rd Listowel Fair by the Honourable Senator Rob Black

Ambassador Competition to follow.



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The Honourable Rob Black Senator for Ontario

The Honourable Rob Black was appointed to the Senate of Canada in mid-February 2018 to represent Ontario, on the recommendation of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, after being selected by the Independent Advisory Board for Senate Appointments. He was sworn-in to the Upper Chamber on February 27, 2018.

His career has included being an administrator, speaker, trainer and workshop leader and he has worked in the rural, agricultural and leadership arenas for much of his working career.

At the time of his appointment he was the Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Ontario Institute, Ward 5 Representative on Wellington County Council and Chair of the Wellington County Library Board.

He is a Past President of the Canadian 4-H Council, the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association, and the Wellington County Historical Society.

He is a Past Executive Director of 4-H Ontario; and The Centre for Rural Leadership; past General Manager of the Ontario Soybean Growers; and worked with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for 15 years.

Senator Black readily admits that he wouldn't be where he is today, but for his early involvement in 4-H and other leadership development opportunities.

He was awarded the *Outstanding Leadership Program Director Award* from the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership, in October 2013.

In recognition of his significant contributions to 4-H across Canada over many years, the Senator received a *Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal* in June 2012, and was made an *Honourary Member of the Canadian 4-H Council* in June 2016.

Senator Black attended the University of Guelph where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, and Queen's University in Kingston where he received his Bachelor of Education.

Currently, he is a Member of both the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and the Charitable Sector (Special) Committee.

The Senator divides his time between his office and the Senate Chamber in Ottawa and his home just north of Fergus, ON, in Wellington County.



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The 2019 Listowel Agricultural Society Board of Directors and Homecraft Division welcome you to the 2019 Listowel Agricultural Fair! We hope you enjoy the many competitions and events planned throughout the weekend as well as enjoy everything our area has to offer.

Next year's fair will be July 16-19, 2020. We hope you will return for a visit!