

# Matheson happy to be home, self-isolating now



Cheyne Matheson performing for Kiruna AIF in Sweden this season.

By Mark Ribble  
**WHEATLEY** — Wheatley's Cheyne Matheson enjoyed his first year playing hockey in Sweden and now that he's home, he's enjoying some required time to himself.

Matheson arrived home Saturday night from Sweden and has been isolating himself ever since.

The former captain of the Leamington Flyers scored 33 points for the Kiruna AIF team in the Division 1 Swedish League this season.

Their playoff season began in December, with Kiruna finishing regular play in sixth place, which relegated them to the lower play-

offs, before they went on a roll.

"We won something like 13 games in a row, which bumped us back up," he said.

They played the top team in the league and lost two games to one.

"We had some injuries to key players and lost our top defenceman to a seven-game suspension," Matheson said.

And like that, the season was over.

The next challenge became finding a way home in the midst of a pandemic.

He and fellow Canadian player Kyle Brothers had some bumps.

"We would book a flight and then it would get cancelled," he recalls.

Then finally they were able to get a flight out of Stockholm, where he said the screening process was easier than he thought.

"It was basically a checkpoint, where they asked you questions and gave you pamphlets," he said.

Upon his return to Canada, things went smoothly at customs and he was on his way back to Wheatley, where he'll spend the next several days lying low, abiding by the guidelines put forth by Health Canada.

## Council approves Leamington's musical slate

*Editor's note: Check the municipality's website for updates to the Music OnThe42 series, as affected by the COVID-19 situation. Visit [www.leamington.ca](http://www.leamington.ca)*

By Sheila McBrayne  
**LEAMINGTON** —

Seacliff Amphitheatre will be alive with music once again this summer as the Sun Parlour Players Community Theatre (The Bank Theatre) has three major events planned for the 2020 Music OnThe42 Summer Concert Series.

Leamington Council, at its March 10 meeting, approved \$100,000 for three concerts as part of Music

OnThe42. The originally approved \$27,000 budget for 2020 was bumped up \$73,000 from the rate stabilization transfer fund (\$144,480 remaining) to not have a direct impact on the tax levy.

The Municipality began Music OnThe42 in 2018 with a budget of \$176,550 funding seven concerts at the Amphitheatre (except Hogs For Hospice) with the help of Showtime Productions. The intent was to bring people to the lakefront amphitheatre and then have more third party organizers bring concerts to

the area. These concerts attracted 1,500 to 2,000 attendees.

In 2019, the Municipality launched the Mill Street Markets and reallocated \$35,000 from the Summer Concert Series to establishing the markets. The Bank Theatre partnered with the Municipality to present three smaller concerts in 2019. Attendance for the 2019 concerts was about 300-500.

After reviewing the 2019 season, administration decided they were happy with the coordination efforts by The Bank

Theatre, but they needed to have a larger budget to attract larger crowds.

There are three concerts planned for the 2020 Summer Concert Series: July 1, August 22 and September 5. Combined with Mill Street Markets, the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Concert (July 25), Hogs for Hospice (July 31 - August 2) and various other third party events, there will be a major event happening in Leamington every weekend from Canada Day to Labour Day.

The proposed \$100,000 would be divided into July 1, August 22 and September 5. More than half the budget has been allocated for the August concert. "Look at the breakdowns - all three will be spectacular and one will be extraordinary. That's the level we're talking about... I think it's money well spent," said Councillor Tim Wilkinson.

CAO Peter Neufeld stated that with Council's approval, the contracts could be signed and an announcement about the Summer Concert Series should be released soon.

### Mill Street Markets start June 5

In 2019, seven markets were held from May to November on the first Friday of each month. The markets were overwhelmingly successful with between 7,000 and 10,000 visitors at each market.

The lowest attended markets were in May and October, with weather being a contributing factor.

The 2020 season will see five markets on the first Friday of the month starting June, July, August, September and November in conjunction with the Christmas Parade.

Check the municipality website for more information.

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**LEO**

Leo is 2 years old. He can be a tad bit shy with new people but warms up very quickly. He is a super lovable and affectionate boy who adores being pet and having his chin scratched. Leo is curious about toys but would rather be showered with love anyway. Leo is bonded with his friend Max, who depends on Leo for comfort when he is afraid. Leo and Max must go home together.

**MAX**

Max is a very shy 4-year-old sweet boy. He enjoys his alone time and hiding in small spaces. He loves to be pet but doesn't always show it and is too shy to come to you first. He has no care for toys and would much rather lounge around and relax with you all day. Max would fit best in a quiet/low activity home with no children around to pester him. Max also comes with a very sweet friend named Leo.

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