

Celebrating the Scottish spirit

Home edition of 2021 Kilt Skate to run until Feb. 28

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ST. BONIFACE

Cathy Laver-Wright is encouraging Winnipeggers to get their skates on.

The St. Boniface resident is the chairperson of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg's 2021 Kilt Skate event, which is set to run until Feb. 28.

The local kilt skate is part of a national event that is run by the Scottish Society of Ottawa in partnership with the Scottish government. Of course, the current event is a bit different due to the current pandemic restrictions, so organizers are presenting a "home edition" this year.

Laver-Wright — who has taken part in the event for the last few years — said prospective participants are invited to lace up their skates and get out on the ice with members of their household and wear either a kilt or an item of tartan or fly a Scottish or Manitoba flag and take a photo or short video. Participants can then add the tag #kiltskate2021MB when uploading the image or film to social media in a quest to help the province become the nation's skate capital.

"This is a fun event and it provides lots of opportunities for Manitobans to get out and skate," Laver-Wright said, noting she regularly skates at Champlain Community Centre. "I think it also fits in with the encouragement our government has been giving us to get outside with our own households and be active."

Laver-Wright said it would be great to hold an outdoor event on or around Feb. 28 to celebrate the end of the kilt skate, although this will naturally depend on the status of the pandemic restrictions.

"Ultimately, we'd love to make Winnipeg the skate capital of Canada by using hashtags," she said.

"So far, the home edition has been so much fun. It's great that families can get out and skate together, especially as so many people have built backyard rinks. It's also a great way to celebrate the Scottish spirit."

Local participants are asked to include these hashtags with their entries — #kiltskate2021WPG; #SASOW; #OttScot; #andScotlandIsNow.

Go online at www.kiltskate.com/winnipeg-2018 for more information.



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Cathy Laver-Wright is pictured out skating recently. The St. Boniface resident is the chairperson of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg's 2021 Kilt Skate event, which is set to run until Feb. 28.