



Whitemouth and District Lions Club



'STAND DOWN! STAND DOWN! THERE'S A SANTA ON THE GROUND!'

No, its not a scene from the latest action movie. It's a scene that played out at a Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Holiday Train stop in Whitemouth, Manitoba when the CPR Police discovered that two Santa's were on the scene – one on the incoming CPR Holiday Train and the other, Lion Roy Moir from the Whitemouth and District Lions Club, who was in the crowd passing out candy canes.



The result - an impromptu performance on stage by Lion Roy Moir. While Lion Roy was teased about his weak "Ho, Ho, Ho", his stellar lip-synching performance in front of over a thousand people more than made up for it!

For seven of the past eleven years the CPR Holiday Train has stopped in Whitemouth. The stop was a result of an unrelated meeting between a CPR official in charge of the CPR Holiday Train and three Whitemouth and District Lions Club members. An informal agreement between the CPR and the Club was struck. If the Holiday Train scheduled a stop in Whitemouth, the fourteen member Whitemouth and District Lions Club would promote and organize the event.

Thanks to the generosity of area residents and those outside of the municipality, the CPR and its entertainers, the Whitemouth and Reynolds Fire Departments, R.C.M.P., Sun Gro, and local businesses, this partnership has grown over the years to one of the largest charitable events in the region.



Over the past seven years the CPR Holiday Train stop in Whitemouth has resulted in the collection of 9,245 pounds of non-perishable food items and monetary donations totaling \$12,833.25. This year 765 pounds of food and \$2,650.00 were donated. The CPR once again generously donated \$1,000, Sun Gro \$600, the Whitemouth and District Lions Club \$500, Whitemouth Hotel \$100 (proceeds from their hot chocolate sales), with the remainder coming from the generosity of individual donors in attendance at