

Tipsy Fox featuring Canadian Celtic rock band this weekend

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Shelburne residents will have the opportunity to rock out to some non-traditional bagpipe music.

Mudmen, a Canadian Celtic rock band, will be making a stop in the Town of Shelburne on Saturday (Nov. 30) at the Tipsy Fox.

"Celtic music is good, fun music. It makes you want to dance, drink, laugh and cry, and we say we cover all those bases in our show," said Robby Campbell, a founding member of Mudmen. "It's an affordable night out to see a hard-working, independent Canadian band and it'll be more fun than you can handle."

The band was initially started by brothers Sandy and Robby Campbell and went by the moniker "The Campbell Brothers" until the late 1990s when they signed a record deal with EMI Records and rebranded as "Mudmen." Since re-established as the Mudmen in 1998, the band has gone on to play over 3000 shows in 8 different countries.

The band consists of members: Colin Amey, lead vocals and acoustic guitar; Robby Campbell, bagpipes; Sandy Campbell, bagpipes; Andy Gingerich, drums and percussion; Alex Showdra, electric guitar and banjo; and Emmett Glancie, bass guitar and backup vocals.

Mudmen's music has been featured on Xbox and PlayStation video games, NBC's television show "The Black Donnelly's", WWE Wrestling, HBO's Shameless, Hockey Night in Canada's "Coach's Corner," and on six Don Cherry Rock 'em Sock 'em hockey videos.

The band has also played at a number of sporting events including seven Grey Cup fan fest parties; two IIHF World Hockey Championships; three Memorial Cups; three Briers; and two Tournaments of Hearts.

As of 2024, the band celebrated 26 years of playing together.

During the concert, Mudmen will be playing a variety of songs from the 11 CDs they've released over the years as well as three new songs from their latest album, which is slated to release in 2025. Fans of the band may recognize some of the songs in the set including "Drink & Fight," "Dropped on a Country Road," "Dirty Old Town," "The Night Pat Murphy Died," and "Who My Friends Are."

"There's lots of great songs in our set. We really only do maybe four or five covers and the rest is all original; it's nice to have your own identity," said Campbell.

Mudmen will be playing at the Tipsy Fox in Shelburne from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets can be purchased online for \$25 at www.ticketscene.ca or at the door (subject to availability) for \$28.