# SUMMER & WINTER Nights



Hello i'm Matt Sutherland, father of 4, a husband to Rebecca Sutherland.

I've been involved in the Riverview area as Hockey and Baseball coach for over 12 years.

I've been a musician for over 33 years, a Paramedic for the last decade, My current role Health Care equipment sales.

All of my experiences have lead me to this moment.....

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## the Origin



On June 13, 2024, My nephew Levi Sutherland experienced a life-altering accident that deeply impacted his family and community.

In response, an incredible wave of support emerged fundraising events, acts of kindness, and a shared determination to uplift one of our own.

Ironfest Concert was born at Holy Whale Brewery.

The success of that event inspired a vision: to create an annual tradition that not only honours Levi's while supporting his journey but also extends support to others in need.

#### the Vision



The vision has grown to establish two annual festivals in Riverview— Summer Nights and Winter Nights—that foster community spirit and raise charitable funds through celebration and connection.

#### the Location

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 The Town of Riverview, sitting along side of the newly restored Petitcodiac River and World-Famous Tidal Bore.

An Old Riverview Fire station, a cornerstone of the community, now serving as a destination for tourists and residents. A walking trail along the waterfront buzzing with year-round activity.

This gives **Riverview** a unique opportunity to have a marquee event in NB similar to events like the **Harvest Festival** and **Area 506** 



"Saint John waterfront container village sees successings second year"

#### **The benefits for Riverview?**

Direct and Indirect Economic growth through increased Tourism, Jobs

Summer Nights 2025 - 1000 people over 2 nights \$20k Invested in local business \$30K invested in regional talent 20K potential donations

Heightened since of community.. involving a community will build community.

### the Next Steps



#### How can we partner?

A unified vision to establish Riverview as a vibrant destination and a community recognized for its compassion and civic spirit.

Funding Infrastructure Resources

Marketing

### the Conclusion



Last year my brother said he didn't understand what the concert would mean until it happened.

I believe other families deserve to have the same feeling.

the End.