



SEARCHING FOR A HEART OF GOLD ... ON MY ELECTROHOME STEREO SYSTEM

Fifty years ago, Canadian singer-songwriter Neil Young put out his fourth album *Harvest*. On that album was the song "Heart of Gold," which hit No. 1 in the United States on US Billboard and No. 1 in Canada on RPM giving Neil Young the top spot on both the singles and albums charts.

Heart of Gold was also a number one hit in our house.

My older brother and I listened to it constantly ... on our fancy-dancy Electrohome sound system.

And it was not just a sound system, it was a solid piece of furniture that was the backdrop for any family photos, or life moments that needed to be captured on film. It didn't look like some of the other systems with large external wooden speakers, but it delivered great quality sound at a price that my dad said: "*our family could afford.*" Our system also included an 8-track player/recorder and an analog receiver which allowed us the ability to hand-tune the bass and treble. Our fine-tuning skills rivalled the best radio disc jockeys, or so we believed. When my mother could no longer stand listening to our music, we'd plug giant headphones into the output jack and take turns listening to our favourite songs.

The [audio and video products](#) that we sell and install today make you feel like the band is playing in your living room. The sounds are richer, immersive, and integrated with video and home theatre experiences. Products now include HiFi components and systems, bluetooth speakers, multi-room audio and amplifiers and wireless earphones.

I look at the noise-cancelling headphones that my kids wear and think that they're not so different from the ones I wore when I was their age. I often marvel at how they are not tethered to the stereo system by a curly long cord though. I also marvel at my daughter telling me about the "new retro" summer fashion ... flared bottom pants and flowing, flowery peasant tops ... apparently, everything old is new again, including my bellbottom jeans.

~David Clark, President

COTTAGE OPENING TIPS

With winter well and truly behind us, many of our customers are headed North to open cottages, which marks the unofficial start to summer days, vacations and long weekends in cottage country! Even the most seasoned cottage owners need the occasional reminder to perform some safety maintenance chores at the beginning of each season to help prevent the risk of a fire starting or spreading and other environmental damage that may result in further damage to property and lives:

- Start with a walkabout your property to check the exterior of your cottage – pay particular attention to downed power lines or fallen trees, damage to the roof, doors or windows,

the structure of the chimney, windows that are in need of repair, and any signs of wildlife that may have moved into your cottage in your absence.

- Check your eavestroughs and gutters for potentially combustible material (like leaves).
- Inside the cottage, check electrical wires for corrosion or frayed/damaged wiring, especially if there is evidence of rodents who may have moved in during the winter months!
- Keep the grass less than 10cm in height.
- Make sure firewood is more than 10 metres away from the cottage.
- Clean the grill or BBQ to help prevent flare-ups
- Change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. And make sure your fire extinguishers are properly charged and in good working condition.

If you have any questions concerning fire safety at your home or cottage property, or if you require fire safety products like new fire extinguishers, fire sensors or monitoring services, [please contact us](#).

A VISIT WITH THE ONTARIO MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

We were honoured to be included in a meeting with the Bradford Community Church as they met with Caroline Mulroney, Ontario's Minister of Transportation during a recent visit to the area. The Bradford Community Church received a federal grant to increase safety and security measures, and we were asked to be on-site to explain the upgrades to their main entrance doors, as well as to their security and fire safety systems that we performed last May.





WE ARE ACTIVELY RECRUITING FOR OUR MUSKOKA OFFICE LOCATION



The population continues to increase in our service areas as more and more people are choosing to make Central Ontario their home. This is particularly true in the District of Muskoka.

Growth in that area (10%) has exceeded the province's (5.8%) growth rate, and Huntsville has experienced the most significant population gain in the last five years. As the population increases, so has the conversion of seasonal dwellings to permanent dwellings and individuals spending more time in their seasonal homes as a lasting result of the pandemic.

The request for our residential security services has increased. The request for security guard services has also increased.

We are thankful to the communities that we service for the continued trust that our customers put in our products, services and expertise. To support our commitment to exceptional customer service, we continue to recruit actively.

We are putting out a specific ask to our customers (some of the best leads have come from you!) as we look to fill the following two roles, based out of our Utterson location:

- **Alarm/Security Technician** – responsible for installing, maintaining and servicing alarm systems
- **Licensed Part-time Static and Response Security Guards** – responsible for attending to locations to ensure the safety of property, persons and information while conducting patrol, surveillance and access control.

If you know of someone looking for an employment opportunity with a family-owned and operated business dedicated to customer satisfaction, [please contact us](#).

[Click here to submit a resume or to receive additional information about these career opportunities.](#)

Is Collingwood or Midland where you'd like to work? Please send your resume to hr@huronialarms.com for other positions in Administration, Customer Service, Alarm Security and Fire Safety for our Collingwood and Midland locations.

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months free monitoring for the lead; 12 months free monitoring if we employ the lead through their probationary period; an additional 24 months of free monitoring should the lead remain employed after one continuous year of service.



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