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BMW X2 28i xDrive - Like A Cool Wagon!

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About two decades ago, BMW was about to launch their first ever SUV style vehicle, the X5. Fast forward to the present time, and BMW has six vehicles in this segment – with the seventh arriving next year.

Its current newest member is the X2, and it is based on a platform shared with the BMW X1 and the MINI Countryman – so is it simply badge engineering or does it have its own personality? Time to look at the X2 in detail!

Styling: If the X1 is considered to be too conservative (ahem, boring) in its styling, than the X2 might be more your style. BMW took a different direction this time with their even-numbered SAV (Sport Activity Vehicle), and instead of slanting the rear roof line sharply (ala, X4 and X6), the X2 looks like a low-roof, cool wagon! As a result, there isn't as much cargo capacity in the X2 compared to the X1, but in the right color and spec, the X2 looks a lot



cooler than the X1 – a big selling point for some!

Interior: As just mentioned, the 'cool wagon' looks of the X2 doesn't offer as

much cargo room as the X1, but there is still plenty of space for four occupants (five would be tight thought). Space for the driver and front passenger is the same

between the X1 and X2, so no shortage of head, leg, elbow, or knee room. The only thing I wish this interior had more of, is sound insulation – it isn't the quietest vehicle BMW makes.

As you'd expect, that the X2 is decently well equipped, and what didn't come as standard, will likely be found in the options menu. If you're used to luxury vehicles, no feature of the X2 is going to surprise or amaze you, but what is there (nice infotainment system, mood lighting, etc.) is mostly satisfying.

Powertrain: Under the hood of the X2 is the same drivetrain that is found in the X1 and the MINI Countryman JCW, which means, you get a turbocharged 2.0L four-cylinder motor that produces 228 hp and 258 lb-ft of torque. Power is sent to all-wheels via a very quick-shifting eight-speed automatic transmission – made by Aisin.

Given the X2's curb weight of 1736 kg, the X2 – especially in 'Sport' mode – is

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Milton's Ford Store



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Dave Gallinger, president and general manager of Gallinger Ford Lincoln, prepares to cut the cake to mark the Milton dealership's 51st anniversary. The celebration was attended by Mayor Gord Krantz and representatives from six not-for-profit organizations, which each received an \$8,500 donation, courtesy of Gallinger Ford Lincoln.

Organizations have plenty to celebrate at Gallinger's anniversary party

A Milton car dealership is marking its 51st anniversary by giving away \$51,000.

Gallinger Ford Lincoln held an anniversary party March 8 at its Main Street

East facility, where six, local not-for-profit organizations were each on the receiving end of \$8,500.

Recipients include the Milton District Hospital

Foundation, Milton Salvation Army, Darling Home for Kids, Community Living North Halton, United Way of Halton-Hamilton and the Townsend Smith Foundation.



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