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Parking options available for Canada Day celebrations

Summary

This year's Canada Day festivities on July 1 will see parking options changed. To facilitate smooth traffic flow and improve pedestrian safety, the parking lot in Maffeo Sutton Park will be closed to traffic.

There will be plenty of free parking options available within walking distance of Maffeo Sutton Park. The Bastion Street parkade, Harbour Front parkade, Port of Nanaimo Centre parkade and the Wallace and Wentworth parking lot will provide free parking on Canada Day. Parking at City of Nanaimo on-street meters will also be free but with a two hour time limit per metered parking space.

A limited number of handicap spaces will be available, however event organizers expect these to fill quickly. Drop offs will be permitted but drivers should expect delays.

Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government

Key Points

- To ensure smooth traffic flow and increase pedestrian safety, the parking lot in Maffeo Sutton Park will be closed to traffic on Canada Day (July 1).
- Free parking options include: Bastion St parkade (entrances: 200 block of Terminal Ave & 236 Skinner St), Harbour Front parkade (entrances: 125 Front St & 51 Gordon St), Port of Nanaimo Centre parkade (entrance: 101 Gordon St) and Wallace & Wentworth parking lot (corner of Wallace & Wentworth St)
- Parking at City of Nanaimo on-street meters will be free but with a two hour time limit per metered parking space.
- A limited number of handicap spaces will be available, however event organizers expect these to fill quickly. Drop offs will be permitted but drivers should expect delays.

Quotes

"We have had issues in the past with traffic jams in and out of the park as well as issues regarding pedestrian safety. The weather forecast calls for a beautiful day in Nanaimo on Canada Day so this a great opportunity to come early and take a stroll along the waterfront before joining the festivities in Maffeo Sutton park!"

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