

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Fifth season of Lions Free Skates starts September 13

#### Summary

The Lions Club of Nanaimo will once again be hosting Free Everyone Welcome skate sessions from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm on Sundays until March 27, 2016 at Frank Crane Arena. On Nanaimo Clippers Junior 'A' game days, the Lions Free Skate will run from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm. This valued project continues the long tradition of the Nanaimo volunteer service to the community of Nanaimo.

In the last two seasons over 11,000 Nanaimo residents have taken advantage of this opportunity for free skating with family and friends.

The City of Nanaimo, Lions Club of Nanaimo and Save-On-Foods are pleased to sponsor these family fun sessions along with other community partners Alexandra's Bistro, BMO Nesbitt Burns, Haarsma Waste Innovations, Herold Engineering, Little Valley Restoration & Collision, Ltd, Nanaimo Hearing Clinic, Roto Rooter Sewer & Drain Cleaning Services, Widsten Property Management. We welcome two new sponsors this year; Alexandra's Bistro Mediterranean Restaurant and Chris Martin Personal Real Estate Corp. - RE/MAX of Nanaimo.

*Strategic Link:* Lions Free Skate supports the Social Equity pillar by providing affordable recreation for our community.

#### Key Points

- The Lions Free Everyone Welcome skate sessions include admission, helmets and skate rentals.
- Lions Free Everyone Welcome skate sessions run from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm on Sundays starting September 13 until March 27. On Clippers game days (October 18 and January 24) the Lions Free Everyone Welcome skate sessions will run from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm.
- There will not be a Lions Free Everyone Welcome skate session on December 27 due to the Winter Wonderland event.

#### Quotes

"We are excited to continue working with the Lions Club and other community partners in providing these free sessions to the community. It's going to be another great season of skating for everyone!"

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