

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Nanaimo Aquatic Centre to celebrate opening of Youth Lounge

Nanaimo Youth invited to attend Thursday, October 8

## **Summary**

The City is excited to announce the opening celebration of a Youth Lounge at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Stop by and check out the youth lounge and enjoy free pizza and awesome activities. The youth lounge is a joint partnership between Vancouver Island University, The Boys & Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island, RCMP and the City of Nanaimo.

This program offers a variety of activities such as: air hockey, Foosball, video games access to community resources and much more. The lounge will provide Nanaimo's youth with a safe, fun and supervised place to hang out and make their own.

Strategic Link: Community Building Partnerships through recreation programming and community development initiatives.

## **Key Points**

- Opening Celebration on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre
- The youth lounge will be open to youth ages 13 to 17 years old on Thursdays after school from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- The youth lounge program is a partnership between Vancouver Island University, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island, the RCMP and the City of Nanaimo.

#### Quotes

"The vision for the youth lounge is to create a safe, positive and fun space for youth to hang out in and make their own. We look forward to having youth involved in planning activities and creating an image for the youth lounge."

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