

NEWS RELEASE

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Parking options for Canada Day 150 celebrations

Summary

To help ease traffic congestion and improve pedestrian safety during this year's special Canada Day festivities, parking in Maffeo Sutton Park will be available to people with disabilities and mobility limitations on a first come first, served basis.

On Canada Day there are plenty of free, City of Nanaimo, parking facilities available within walking distance of Maffeo Sutton Park. These include: the Bastion Street parkade; Harbour Front parkade; Port of Nanaimo Centre (Vancouver Island Conference Centre) parkade; and the Wallace Street and Wentworth Street parking lot. Parking at City of Nanaimo on-street meters will also be free on July 1st, for up to two hours per metered parking space.

The Regional District of Nanaimo is providing a number of free public shuttles from select locations to Maffeo Sutton Park on July 1. Shuttles will run throughout the day with the last shuttles scheduled to depart the park starting at 11:25pm. Please see the attached schedule PDF to plan your route accordingly. We anticipate that this will be a popular alternative to driving to the event.

For more information on free downtown parking options for Canada Day, see the map attached to the online version of this news release.

*Please note News Release has been updated June 28 to include details about complimentary shuttle service routes/times on July 1.

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Key Points

- The Canada Day Celebrations will be held in Maffeo Sutton Park, however the parking lot in Maffeo Sutton Park will be closed to traffic on Canada Day (July 1).
- A limited number of parking spaces in Maffeo Sutton Park will be available for persons with disabilities however, event organizers expect these to fill quickly. Drop offs will be permitted but drivers should expect delays.

Quotes

"To ensure the safety of pedestrians and the public coming out to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, we will have plenty of free parking available in downtown City-owned lots, parkades and on-street metres - all within walking distance of the festivities, see you there!"

Michele Duerksen
Recreation Coordinator
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- 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.

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