

NEWS RELEASE

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Floating dock, outdoor ice rink planned for Rogers Hometown Hockey

Summary

Nanaimo is one of 24 communities across Canada to be included as a stop on the Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour. The tour will arrive in Nanaimo the weekend of February 25-26. A number of activities for the community have been planned by the Local Organizing Committee for February 18 through February 27. Funding in the amount of \$122,750 was approved at the November 21 Council meeting for community events surrounding the Rogers Hometown Hockey festival.

In addition to the community events budget, the rental of an outdoor ice rink and purchase of a floating dock were approved at the November 28 Council meeting. The outdoor ice rink will be located in Maffeo Sutton Park and is planned to be in place for up to two weeks during the Rogers Hometown Hockey festival. The floating docks will be temporarily placed in Swy-A-Lana lagoon for activities surrounding the festival. After the festival, the docks will be permanently placed in Brechin Boat Ramp and rowing dock, Diver Lake Park and Colliery Dam Park.

The Local Organizing Committee is made up of a number of agencies and organizations in the community and include representatives from the City of Nanaimo Council and staff, Snuneymuxw First Nation, Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association, Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Museum, Nanaimo RCMP, Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation, Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, The Port Theatre, Nanaimo Clippers, Nanaimo Buccaneers and Nanaimo Hospitality Association.

Strategic Link: The Rogers Hometown Hockey tour supports the priority of Recreation, Culture, Sports and Tourism.

Key Points

- The outdoor ice rink will cost \$200,000 and includes rental fees and the purchase of a 40 x 80 foot removable ice mat for future use.
- The floating docks will total \$271,000 and will be permanently placed in Brechin Boat Ramp and rowing dock, Diver Lake Park and Colliery Dam Park.
- More information and a listing of community events surrounding the Rogers Hometown Hockey festival can be found on the City website. The website will be updated as more details emerge.

Quotes

"When big events like the Rogers Hometown Hockey tour come to Nanaimo, we want to create a legacy residents can use for years to come. An outdoor ice rink is something unique that can bring the community together in a healthy and fun way."

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