

NEWS RELEASE

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First Ever Family Fun Night BBQ Draws Big Crowds

Hundreds Show up at Event to Celebrate the Beginning of Summer

Summary

Nanaimo's first ever Family Fun Night BBQ held on Thursday, June 26 at Departure Bay Centennial Park drew hundreds of people in an event to celebrate the beginning of summer. People in attendance enjoyed a delicious BBQ through Nanaimo Foodshare and Cobbs Bread, listened to musical entertainment with Bobbi Schram and The Big Mess, created art projects led by Yvonne Van Kooi, experimented with difference science projects with Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society, got informed about being power smart through BC Hydro, learned how to play progressive tennis with North Island Tennis Academy and played games and got their faces painted with City of Nanaimo staff. In addition, families played in the water park or on the grass field throughout the evening.

Strategic Link: Hosting and supporting community events is one of the ways the City of Nanaimo is working at being an excellent municipal government as identified as one of its strategies in the Corporate Strategic Plan.

Key Points

- This is the first time this event has been held, but the hope is to make it an annual event as a way to celebrate the beginning of summer.
- Many community partners came together to make this event so successful, including Nanaimo Foodshare and Cobbs Bread who prepared the BBQ.
- Participants were treated to live entertainment, food, art in the park, science in the park, information on being power smart, tennis lessons and games and face painting.

Quotes

"We are so pleased that we had so much participation, and we got feedback from those in attendance that they had a great time. The City of Nanaimo wishes to thank our community partners, especially Nanaimo Foodshare and Cobbs Bread for organizing the BBQ. We look forward to next year's event."

Deb Beck
Recreation Coordinator
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Approximately 500 people were in attendance.
- Participants got to learn about the many programs and special events that the City of Nanaimo plans for its citizens that take place during the summer months.
- The live entertainment was provided by Bobbi Schram and The Big Mess - both will be performing at the City of Nanaimo "Concerts in the Park".

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