

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **RBC Sports Day in Canada Gets Nanaimo Moving**

City to take part in fifth annual RBC Sports Day in Canada

## **Summary**

To mark this year's RBC Sports Day in Canada on Saturday, November 29 the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Environment department is hosting a number of events.

Beban Park will host a number events starting at 11:15 am including a free Learn-to-Skate lesson (ages 5-11 years) from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm at Frank Crane Arena, free NHL Learn-to-play Hockey program from 12:15 to 1:00 pm at Frank Crane Arena (ages 5-11 years; first timers only; skates, sticks and helmets provided), an Everyone Welcome Skate from 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm which will include a performance by the Nanaimo Skating Club and the public can take in a Nanaimo Minor Hockey game from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm at Cliff McNabb Arena featuring the Nanaimo Dragons vs Nanaimo Royals.

Oliver Woods Community Centre will host a number of events from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm including Sport Trivia all afternoon, floor hockey and badminton from 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm, basketball from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm, pickleball from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and soccer from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre will host a \$3 Everyone Welcome swim from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with demonstrations from the Nanaimo Diamonds.

Other community groups will be hosting events across Nanaimo. For more information, check out the RBC Sports Day in Canada website.

Strategic Link: Community Building Partnerships: A Healthy Community that together and systematically addresses negative determinants and barriers to health and encourages healthy, active lifestyles.

# **Key Points**

- RBC Sports Day in Canada is on Saturday, November 29.
- Events will be held at Oliver Woods Community Centre, Beban Park and Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. As well, community groups will be hosting events and open houses across Nanaimo.
- Another way residents can get involved in RBC Sports Day in Canada is by wearing a jersey, team or club
  uniform to school, work or play on Jersey Day on November 28.

### **Quotes**

"We are thrilled to be part of RBC Sports Day in Canada. Sport is an important element of a healthy, thriving community. Join us for day filled with fun events in Nanaimo."

Gary Paterson Recreation Coordinator - Arenas City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

RBC Sports Day in Canada is a national celebration of the power of sport to build community and get

- Canadians moving. The official day caps off a week of more than 1,000 local events and includes a special broadcast on CBC Television.
- RBC is the title sponsor of RBC Sports Day in Canada, which is presented by ParticipACTION, in partnership with CBC Television, ICI Radio-Canada Télé and True Sport and is generously supported by Sport Canada and in BC through Healthy Families BC.
- The City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation, and Environment department was recently awarded a grant from the RBC Foundation and its Learn to Play program to assist in the development of the Learn to Skate program.

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