

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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### Winter Wonderland Returns for Another Year

Five Days of \$1 Everyone Welcome Skates and More!

## **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Environment department is pleased to bring back the popular Winter Wonderland skating event running from December 26 to 30. This yearly event is due to partnerships between the City of Nanaimo and various local businesses and is a way to say "thank you" to Nanaimo citizens and give everyone, regardless of economic circumstances, an opportunity to try skating.

Frank Crane Arena in Beban Park will be transformed into a Winter Carnival theme featuring our 40' castle, ice carving, sno cones and toffee on a stick. Activities over the five days include \$1 sessions with some completely free sponsored sessions, free rentals thoughout, caroling and daily prize raffles.

Strategic Link: Cultural Vitality, Community Building Partnerships

# **Key Points**

- Winter Wonderland, featuring the Winter Carnival Theme, will run from December 26 to 30 at Frank Crane
  Arena in Beban Park and includes \$1 Everyone Welcome skating sessions (along with some sponsored free
  sessions) including free skate rentals and helmets.
- Winter Wonderland occurs thanks to partnerships between the City of Nanaimo and local businesses.
- Sponsors for Winter Wonderland are: Pepsi, Tim Hortons, Ryan Vending, Caledonia Fire Protection Ltd, Windley Contracting Ltd, Nanaimo Clippers, Cimco, Herold Engineering, Heatherbrae Builders, VIU, Shaw Electrical, VMAC, Planet Clean, Nanaimo Daily News, The Wave 102.3 FM and The Wolf 106.9 FM.

#### **Quotes**

"With the Winter Carnival theme, it's going to be another great year for Winter Wonderland. We are overjoyed by the response from Nanaimo's business community to continue supporting this fun and affordable five-day event."

Gary Paterson Recreation Coordinator - Arenas City of Nanaimo

### **Quick Facts**

• Did you know? You can give the gift of health and fitness this year with a Parks, Recreation and Environment gift card. Purchase a \$20 or more gift card by December 24 and be entered to win a \$50 gift card for yourself.

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