

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Celebrate Canada's birthday in Nanaimo

## **Summary**

This July 1, join the City of Nanaimo in celebrating our nation's 148th birthday. Nanaimo's Canada Day festivities will be held in Maffeo Suton Park from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm.

It's a great day for all ages to stay in town and show their national and community pride. Everyone can enjoy the Celebration of Flags and Opening Ceremonies, multicultural food fair, Bastion Waterfront Farmers' Market, interactive booths and live entertainment throughout the day.

The City of Nanaimo Canada Day 2015 festivities are in partnership with Canadian Heritage, The Wave 102.3 FM, The Wolf 106.9 FM, Nanaimo News Bulletin and Columbia Bakery.

Strategic Link: Canada Day 2014 supports the Cultural Vitality pillar in the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- Celebration of Flags & Opening Ceremonies take place from 11:00 am to 11:30am.
- Live entertainment by The Clanns, Doctors of Rock 'n Roll, The Big Mess and Myc Sharratt.
- Wear red and white to celebrate Canada's 148th Birthday.
- Parking at Maffeo Sutton Park will not be available on Canada Day. There will be many free parking options
  near the park including all City metered spots, City parkades and parking lots downtown.

#### **Quotes**

"Stay in town to celebrate Canada's 148th birthday! Come down to Maffeo Sutton Park to enjoy lots of activities for all ages. We've got the Celebration of Flags, a variety of live entertainment, free interactive activities, delicious ethnic food and the Bastion Waterfront Farmers' Market."

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