

NEWS RELEASE

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City of Nanaimo to participate in Earth Hour

Summary

On Saturday, March 24 at 8:30 pm, people are encouraged to turn off the lights for one hour to show support for climate change. This worldwide event is called Earth Hour.

This year, the City of Nanaimo will continue to support this event and raise awareness about what we all can do, no matter how small, in saving energy and lowering greenhouse gas emissions in our community. To honour Earth Hour, we hope you join us for a Starlight Skate from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

The skate is one activity among many, happening over the Month of March, where Nanaimo & district is celebrating Water to Earth Month, with several events such as stream walks, a Nanaimo river watershed tour and river rafting.

Strategic Link: Environmental Responsibility: Build a more sustainable community.

Key Points

- Earth Hour will take place on Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm.
- Take part in a starlight skate with passive LED lit stars on Saturday, March 24 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.
- Nanaimo & District celebrates Water to Earth Month in March and April, a schedule of all the events can be found in the events section of the website www.nanaimo.ca.

Quotes

"Our everyday actions, like turning off unnecessary lights, add up to make a big difference. This Earth Hour, let's come together as a community to reduce our energy consumption and show others how easy it is to reduce their footprint. Taking small, deliberate and positive steps add up to huge gains for our global environment."

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- In 2007 Earth Hour started as a grassroots movement in Sydney, Australia encouraging people to turn off lights, TVs and household appliances for one hour to increase awareness of climate change and to educate about little changes that can be made to reduce carbon emissions.
- In 2017, 187 countries & territories participated and 3,100 landmarks and monuments switched off their lights. Millions of individuals, businesses and organizations across seven continents stepped forward to change climate change.
- As part of the City's strategic energy management plan, a combination of energy and Green-House-Gas reducing projects were completed in 2017. Projects include New LED lighting, Continuous Optimization Program recommissioning, and cool water ice-resurfacing installations at several of its' facilities. These projects saved 787,878 kWh of electricity, 3,876 GJ of natural gas and 215 tons of CO₂e.

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