

NEWS RELEASE

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Look, up in the sky! They're birds, they're planes, they're... the Snowbirds!

On August 8, 2018, the Snowbirds air show will draw a crowd to Nanaimo's harbour

Summary

The 2018 Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Squadron) will be flying and performing over Nanaimo's harbour on August 8 at 5:30pm. The aerial show will be centered above and in front of the boat basin by the historic Bastion, but crowds should have a good vantage point anywhere along the waterfront between the Nanaimo Yacht Club and Cameron Island.

The show is expected to last 45 minutes to an hour and is being put on in support of the CH.I.L.D Foundation (Children with Intestinal and Liver Disorders).

For the safety of the pilots and the audience, the airspace is restricted during the show, including a complete ban on the use of drones within the Nanaimo Harbour Aerodrome. Boat access in Nanaimo Harbour is also restricted during the show.

Those wishing to listen to commentary during the performance can tune in to RSM Productions Special Event Radio frequency at 98.7FM.

There are plenty of nearby, free parking options downtown. These include the City of Nanaimo's Bastion Street Parkade, the Wallace/Wentworth parking lot, Maffeo-Sutton Park and 2-hour on-street parking. As a reminder, Maffeo-Sutton Park's parking lot is often busy and quickly full during downtown events. Please see the attached Downtown Public Parking Map for a more detailed look at the City of Nanaimo's parking options.

Strategic Link: Events such as this support the City's strategic initiatives towards cultural vitality.

Key Points

- There is a complete ban on the use of drones within the Nanaimo Harbour Aerodrome during the show.
- Those who wish to hear commentary during the air show can tune in to 98.7FM.
- Those coming to see the Snowbirds are encouraged to come downtown early to allow time to find parking as well as a good vantage point for the air show.

Quotes

"I can't tell you how excited we are that the Snowbirds are back this year to perform for Nanaimo! Please don't forget to contribute generously to the C.H.I.L.D Foundation. The Snowbird Team put an incredible amount of effort into their fundraising for children with intestinal and liver disorders and would be grateful for your support!"

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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