

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### Canada 2021 Celebrations

Open parks, food trucks and live entertainment

# **Summary**

Canada Day 2021 in Nanaimo is about being in your beautiful parks, eating delicious food through various food truck vendors and enjoying local entertainment. Find your City of Nanaimo Team out-and-about giving away prizes through community engagement challenges, as well as handing out Relmagine Nanaimo swag to help you show off your City of Nanaimo spirit.

Look for the City of Nanaimo Spirit Team throughout the day at the following parks:

- Maffeo Sutton Park
- Westwood Lake Park
- Neck Point Park
- Pipers Lagoon Park
- Departure Bay Walkway
- Harewood Centennial Park

In addition, residents are invited to enjoy lunch with the following local musical entertainers:

- Laura Kelsey at Neck Point Park
- GG & the Ice Machine at Departure Bay
- Dave Hart at Maffeo Sutton Park

A Canada Day-themed StoryWalk will be at Departure Bay (Kin Hut) and Harewood Centennial Park.

The event is free and is suitable for all ages.

Although many COVID-19 restrictions are scheduled to be lifted by July 1 as part of British Columbia's ReStart Plan, please follow the latest Provincial Health Orders while participating in this event.

*Strategic Link:* To be a City that provides opportunities for the community to explore our beautiful parks while experiencing wonderful food and entertainment.

## **Key Points**

- Residents are invited to enjoy Nanaimo's parks, eat delicious food from food truck vendors and take in local entertainment found at various parks.
- The City of Nanaimo Spirit Team will be found throughout the community give out prizes to help residents show off their community pride.
- A Canada Day-themed StoryWalk will be in place at Departure Bay (Kin Hut) and Harewood Centennial Park.

### **Quotes**

"As a community and as a nation, we reflect on our country's history and its past as we commemorate Canada's 154th birthday. For more than a year, we have endured a pandemic, so Canada Day in 2021 is a time to get out and enjoy Nanaimo's parks, partake of some delicious food and take in some musical entertainment provided by local artists - always keeping safety in mind. I invite everyone in our community to show your community pride by participating in this year's events."

Leonard Krog Mayor City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

- The nation is celebrating Canada's 154th birthday which is the 154th anniversary of the Constitution Act of 1867, which established Canada as a country. In actuality, this country is a whole lot older than 150 years!
- Canada is a huge country on the North American continent. The country is divided into ten provinces and three territories and is home to about 38 million people (2021).
- Canada is the largest country in the Western hemisphere and the second largest country in the world after Russia and borders only one country, the United States of America. It has the longest coastline in the world with 202,080 km/ 125,567 miles.

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