



North Okanagan Canada Day Society

Canada Day Activities in Polson Park
July 1, 2023



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After a successful first year hosting as a new team, we're excited to be back hosting events in Polson Park on Canada Day.

Our plans are **community-based** and celebratory of our town, citizens, and heritage.

Our event will be **free to attend** and will have activities suitable for all ages.

Our focus is to leverage a smaller budget and shorter timeline into activities, experiences, and **features that have the largest impacts**.

Due to the hazardous nature of them, fireworks were deemed to not be achievable this year.

Event Features

- **Community Group Engagement**

- Sadok Ukrainian Dancers are talking about returning
- We're working on having BC Wildfire Service return
- Outreach Literacy Society is doing a story walk
- Emmanuel Baptist Church is discussing bringing carnival games
- Pop Up Water park in talks with Vernon Parks Dept.

- **Community Art Activities**

- Chalk art area (Polson Park service road)
- Large canvas, community art project (to be later displayed at the VCC and other venues)

Event Features

- **Skate Competition**
 - Hosted by Okanagan Skate Co. in the skatepark
- **Pop-Up Water Park**
 - Vernon Parks Department pop-up water park would replace last year's water gun fight area
- **Dunk Tank**
- **Fruitfest**
 - To help promote nutrition and local farmers
 - Last year we gave away \$1000 worth of strawberries as snacks instead of cake
- **Polson Artisan Night Market & Food-Truck Garden**
 - Featuring local artisans

Event Features

- **Local Music**
 - From noon until 9:30 p.m.
 - Focus on family-friendly, local artists, including:
 - Larissa MacNeill
 - Duane Marchand
 - Cat Wells
 - Del Rango & the D-railers
 - Others
 - Kalamalka Highlanders will perform in the morning.
- **Bike Parade**
 - Kids parade around 2:00 p.m.
 - Plans to source additional bicycle parking to encourage alternative transportation to the park

Event Features

- **Selfie Canvases**
 - Painted by local artists, a series of canvases for folks to take pictures in front of
- **Shuttle Service**
 - Cheers Shuttle Service will run loops in the park to help facilitate parking in the overflow across the bridge.

Requests for the City of Vernon

- Tables and chairs (including event trailer)
- Key, or access as required to, park main gates and oval
- Parks' employees available from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to assist should problems/emergencies arise
- 6 portable toilets placed behind the bandshell, along the service road
- Borrow temporary fencing from Vernon Operations for Bike Valet (we need 5 sections)
- Onsite traffic control for assistance with parking
- Temporary permit for entertainment
 - Inclusive of permission for the skateboard competition
 - All above permissions would have appropriate insurance, including naming the City of Vernon where required

Additional Society Needs

- **Additional handicap parking signs**
- **Additional bicycle parking**

Thank you, Mayor & Council

Thank you for your continued support of Canada Day celebrations in Polson Park.

Please let us know if there are any questions!