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## **TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY CELEBRATES CANADA DAY**

Since 1879, Canadians have been coming together every July 1 to celebrate this great nation on Dominion Day. In 1982, an Act of Parliament renamed the holiday to Canada Day. Though the name has changed, the festive atmosphere surrounding this national holiday has only grown and the Township of Langley is looking forward to marking the day with free, family-oriented events.

This year, the streets of Fort Langley will once again be filled with patriotic revellers as the Birthplace of BC celebrates in true Canadian fashion. A unique, inclusive event that draws together a wide array of partners from all over the community, the day will feature something for everyone.

The heart of the festival can be found on King Street, where from 11am to 3pm, the Langley Centennial Museum and BC Farm Museum will combine forces to create a lively street festival atmosphere, complete with a main stage offering diverse cultural entertainment.

The rest of the street will be filled with activities, displays, vendors, crafts, and food trucks that will satisfy creative hands and growling tummies. A petting zoo, balloon artist, face painting, games, races, and a stage for children's performers will ensure little Canadians are thoroughly entertained as well.

More entertainment and activities will be offered all day throughout the village, and a traditional hay ride will take visitors around historic Fort Langley, with four convenient stopping points on the doorsteps of event locations.

The Fort Langley Community Hall will feature the Festival of the Book, a celebration of the literary arts, while Bard in the Valley will offer a free performance of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Further down the street, the Langley Heritage Society will welcome visitors into the CN Train Station. Lelem Arts and Cultural Café will share Aboriginal culture through live performances at its Billy Brown Road location and music from the M'Girls will be featured at Lelem at the Fort, a second Lelem location inside the Fort Langley National Historic Site. A short hay ride up the hill will bring visitors to King Street and the National Historic Site, which will once again offer free admission to visitors.

Canada Day festivities for the whole family will also be offered at Willoughby Community Park at 7888 – 200 Street, where the atmosphere will be a little bit country, a little bit barbecue.

The Township of Langley, Langley Events Centre, and 93.7 JRfm are once again partnering to offer the Langley Canada Day JRBQ, presented by C&D Logistics. The celebration runs from 11am to 6pm on Friday, July 1, with free admission, free parking, a spray park, food trucks, and a barbecue with proceeds going to Basics for Babies. A Kids' Zone will keep little ones busy with face painting, games, races, and inflatables, and a Canada Day ceremony will take place at 2pm.

Country music performers will take to the stage to provide continuous live entertainment from 11am to 6pm. Featured artists include Lanie McAuley, Me and Mae, Bucko and Toad, Hunter Brothers, and Doc Walker.

For more information on the Langley Canada Day JRBQ and a full schedule of performers, visit [tol.ca/events](http://tol.ca/events).