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CONCERT OFFICIALLY OPENS CANADA 150 AMPHITHEATRE

The Township of Langley is getting a unique gift in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday: the opportunity to enjoy live entertainment in the great outdoors.

An amphitheatre has been created in Willoughby Community Park, adjacent to the Langley Events Centre's Building B, in the 7700 Block of 202A Street. The facility, which features tiered grass seating and a performance stage with a distinct maple leaf design, will be officially opened with a free concert on Thursday, May 25, at 7:00pm, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The event will feature an opening ceremony, remarks from local dignitaries, and performances by the Langley Community Music School Fiddlers, Langley Community Chorus, and the Langley Ukulele Senior A & B Ensemble.

"This new amphitheatre will be a great addition to Willoughby Community Park, which hosts Langley Township's Canada Day celebrations and features a playground, spray park, playing fields, and sports facilities," said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. "Many people from throughout the Township use and enjoy this park, and this new feature will give residents the added bonus of being able to experience live performances."

The amphitheatre is a Canada 150 project, made possible by a grant from Western Economic Diversification Canada. It cost \$260,000 to construct, half of which was provided through a Canada 150 Infrastructure Grant of \$130,000 from the Government of Canada.

Township of Langley's Acting Director of Recreation, Culture, and Parks Peter Tulumello noted that Township staff and community volunteer Peter Luongo, past organizer of the Langley Has Talent competition series, are planning a Summer Concert Series in July and August to celebrate the nation's important milestone at the newly constructed amphitheatre.

“We hope to make an announcement soon regarding the talent we have booked for the Canada 150 Concert series, and there will be further opportunities for individuals and groups wanting to perform at this new amenity to submit proposals for consideration,” Tulumello said. A call for performers will be advertised on the Township Page in local newspapers in the weeks to come.

For more information, contact Peter Tulumello, the Township of Langley’s Acting Director of Recreation, Culture, and Parks, at 604.533.6158 or ptulumello@tol.ca.