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CANADA DAY IN LANGLEY TOWNSHIP: DOUBLE THE FUN AT WILLOUGHBY AND FORT LANGLEY

Two locations, two great parties, thousands of guests, a ton of activities, and dozens of entertainers will all combine to celebrate one great country - and everyone is invited! Canada Day will be celebrated in the Township of Langley on Sunday, July 1 with two free, family-oriented events in Fort Langley and Willoughby.

In Fort Langley, the historic "Birthplace of BC," Canada Day will kick off with the traditional Fort Langley Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, from 8:00 to 10:00am on King Street. The fun gets underway at the Langley Centennial Museum, 9135 King Street, and the adjacent BC Farm Museum at 10:00am with a flag raising, and entertainment starts at 10:35am when the Genuine Jug Band takes the stage.

The Fort Langley Canada Day event will be in full swing outside the museums from 11:00am to 3:00pm, where guests can explore vendors and displays, try hands-on activities and games, get their faces painted, take a hayride, and visit critters at a petting zoo and reptile exhibit. Food services will be on hand and stilt walkers and magicians will provide roving entertainment. Welcoming ceremonies and a Canada birthday cake for guests to enjoy will be presented at 12:30pm.

Throughout the day, a variety of musical and cultural entertainment will be provided by singer Glisha Del La Cruz, Hanyang Chinese Dancers, Opus One Women's Choir, the all-ladies folk band The Ladybugs, Celtica Dance School, Cheedong Drummers, and the Thunderbird Fast Draw Club. Tillers Folly brings their blend of roots music and history to the main stage at 1:45pm and the Genuine Jug Band returns at 2:40pm to wind down the event.

Admission to the Langley Centennial Museum is free on Canada Day and it will remain open until 4:45pm for visitors to explore.

At 7:00pm, a free performance of "Romeo and Juliet" will be presented by Bard in the Valley at the Fort Langley Community Hall as part of Canada Day in Fort Langley.

Also on July 1, a variety of free Canada Day activities, entertainment, and live musical performances for the whole family will be offered from 11:00am to 6:00pm at Willoughby Community Park, adjacent to the Langley Events Centre, at 7888 – 200 Street.

The new Willoughby Amphitheatre Stage, which was built last year to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, will feature a number of performers, starting with Norden the Magician at 11:15am. Circus Lab will perform amazing feats of strength, balance, and teamwork at 12:15pm and 3:15pm, and 15-year-old singer/songwriter Ashley Pater performs at 1:00pm. Ventriloquist Kellie Haines and friends take the stage at 2:30pm, and Celtic band Kailyarders will be featured at 4:00pm. Kunda African Culture Music and Dance conclude the Canada Day performances at 5:15pm.

Throughout the day, guests at Willoughby Community Park can visit a mini version of the Langley Community Farmers' Market and a Kids' Zone will keep youngsters busy with face painting, arts and crafts, mini golf, Pacific Trackless Trains, community vendors, games, and inflatables. Youngsters can also play in the playground and cool down in the spray park.

A Canada Day ceremony will be held at 2:00pm, followed by Canada Day cupcakes, and food trucks will provide sustenance throughout the day.

Visit tol.ca/canadaday for more details.