

Chamber Plans Canada Day Extravaganza

The Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce will host Canada Day celebrations at Rotary Lakeside Park, Sunday July 1st. The Chamber of Commerce has hosted this annual community celebration for many years, and it is with great pride that we honor Canada, with a community wide celebration.

Canada Day is a major Chamber of Commerce event each year, and a tremendous family oriented celebration of our greater community, with thousands of people attending from all over the region.

Included in the day's activities is an official opening ceremony beginning at 10:30am with Nelson City Police, RCMP and Nelson Fire Department color guards, official speeches from local, provincial politicians as well as the ceremonial raising of the Canadian Flag and the singing of O Canada.

One of the highlights each year is the serving of our Canada Day birthday cake, followed with live music and all kinds of fun-filled activities for kids of all ages. Dozens of community groups will be involved throughout the day concluding with a tremendous fireworks display, at dusk sponsored in part by Celebrate Canada, The City of Nelson, The Nelson Professional Firefighters, as well as several community minded businesses and individuals



This year also marks the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Quebec City. This historic milestone reminds us that French is Canada's founding language.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper says the fact that French has survived in North America for four centuries is no accident of history. If French continues to be spoken in Canada today, it is thanks to the courage, tenacity and creativity of generation upon generation of Francophones who brought their old-world values and hopes to the new world and helped them take root and grow.

Back in 1609, just one year after the founding of Québec City, French writer Marc Lescarbot observed, and I quote: "We should go to Canada, land of avid and enterprising people desirous of bringing honour to themselves through actions that are as extraordinarily beautiful as they are difficult to carry out." Over the ages and on every continent, communities of men and women did things in French that were extraordinarily beautiful and difficult to carry out. It is our common heritage and a source of pride, and is destined to become a shared bounty and cause for hope.

Few North American cities can celebrate so rich a history. This is an historic date for all of Canada. From that point on, we really began to come into our own and become what we are today, for the founding of Québec City also marks the founding of the Canadian State.

This spring, The Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure of meeting with and discussing many cultural, tourism and economic initiatives with the community leaders of Baie Saint Paul just 100 kilometers from Quebec City. The delegation was in Nelson thanks to the efforts of Chantal Lunardi of AFKO, the Association des Francophones des Kootenays Ouest, and the City of Nelson, which is exploring the opportunity of a twinning initiative with Baie Saint Paul.

Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce Presents Canada Day 2008

Tuesday July 1st, Nelson's Rotary Lakeside Park

Schedule of Entertainment

10:30 am Opening Ceremonies President **Janice Morrison** (Welcome) Mayor **John Dooley** Canada Day Address; **MLA Corky Evans** Canada Day Address; Nelson Pilots Association Fly Over, Kootenay Kilties Pipe Band Nelson RCMP, Nelson City Police, Nelson Firefighters, Dragon Boat Sail Past

10:40 am **O Canada Heritage Harmony Singers**
10:45 am Heritage Harmony Barbershop Choir
11:00 am Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band
11:15 am Jazzercise with Melody
12:00 pm Nelson Community Band
1:00 pm Brenda McJones Highland Dancers
1:30 pm Playmor Junction
2:30 pm Glacier Harmony Singers
3:00 pm String of Pearls Swing Band
4:00 pm The Pulpit Rockers
4:15 pm Bill Woikin and the Country Men Band
5:00 pm Holly and Jon Roots/Blues
6:00 pm White Lightning Blues Band
7:00 pm The Toques
8:30 pm Big Bad Blue



10:00pm FIREWORKS Display; Special thanks to The City of Nelson, The Nelson Professional Fire Fighters Association, Heritage Canada, RDCK Areas E, F, H, The Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce, and many community-minded businesses and organizations.

Indulge and Enjoy

7am	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	Baker Street
10am	Canada Day Cake on Display	
11am	Canada Day Cake Served	City councilors & local dignitaries
11am	Rotary Club Annual BBQ	Rotary Shelter

Special Appearances by;

Nelson Theatre Company
Simone Varey
Bubbles the Clown

Puppeteer/Puppet Show



Canada Day Community Display Booths and Activities

Special thanks to the many community minded groups and organizations that help make Canada Day a true family oriented community event.
Your participation is appreciated.

Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce Canada Day Flags, Pins, Canadian Flag Tattoos, and free seedlings

All Hit KBS Sand Castle Contest

Kootenay Co-op Radio Informational Display

Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation Face Painting and Informational Booth

Interior Health Information Booth

Nelson Kiwanis Club Balloons, Bean Bag Toss, Darts

Nelson Pilot's Association Picturesque Plane Rides over Nelson and area proceeds to the Aimee Boulieau Transition House

Nelson and District Community Complex Parachute games for kids, camp crafts

NDCC Kootenay Catamaran Club

NDCC Nelson Canoe and Kayak Club

Nelson and District Youth Centre Jeopardy style game show based on Canadian facts culture and history, with game show hosts and game board, targeting youth. Prizes

Nelson Business Association Interactive contests, giveaways, informational display

RBC Royal Bank Balloons and Celebrity Dunk Tank

Selkirk College Informational display on Selkirk programs, draw prizes, trivia games

SHARE Nelson Informational Booth and Golf Putting competition

Touchstones Historic Artifacts, Children's activity table crafts

Visions Alive Puppets Puppet show, Puppet play space, Roving Marionettes

West Kootenay Success by Six Books for Kids (Free Books 2 per child)

Youth Employment Resource Centre & Service Canada Centre for Youth Workshops on health and safety, casual employment, free lemonade, face painting, games

Cowichan 2008 Spirit Pole: School Kids and Nelson Residents have carved a lasting piece of history

Hundreds of grade 4 and 5 kids from School District 8 and many Nelson residents took part in a unique art project as part of the celebration for the Cowichan 2008 North American Indigenous Games. To commemorate the rich history of British Columbia's Aboriginal peoples and share the story of the international multi-sport games, a Coast Salish artist will transform a 20' western red cedar log into a traditional story pole.

The Cowichan 2008 Spirit Pole Tour is really an amazing and unique project! The log stopped in Nelson as part of a province wide tour on June 5th. With the log visiting more than 45 communities over a 13 week tour and under the guidance and supervision of the carver, Carey Newman, the Spirit Pole will take shape. In Nelson, we were invited to try our hand at carving the log while learning about traditional carving methods and Aboriginal history.

The 20 foot Western Cedar is transported throughout the province on a flat deck that transforms into the central focus staging and carving area.



Opening Ceremonies Nelson and District Community Complex June 5th Spirit Pole Tour

The event kicked off with a special welcome ceremony. Then people were invited to try their hand at carving, with the guidance and supervision of the carving team.



Artist Carey Newman and City Councillor Bob Adams

It is expected that by the time the spirit pole is completed, as many as 10 thousand people will have contributed, including the hundreds of local residents that were lucky enough to take part.

The Spirit Pole will eventually make its way to the coast and be integrated into Tribal Journeys, a celebration of Indigenous nations' maritime heritage and one of the most prominent cultural events associated with the North America Indigenous Games

The Cowichan Valley will welcome more than 9 thousand Aboriginal Athletes and cultural participants from across North America, as the region plays host to the 2008 North American Indigenous Games August 3rd -10th.

The Spirit Pole is one of several initiatives and community celebrations taking place throughout the province as part of the BC 150 Years program, a celebration of the 150th anniversary.



Nelson

CP Spirit of 150 Rail Tour: Spirit Train doesn't disappoint during stop in the West Kootenay

Nelson residents turned out in droves to experience history in motion June 14th at Lakeside Park, as the community welcomed the Spirit of BC Rail Tour to Nelson.

The tour was made possible through a partnership of Canadian Pacific Rail, the Royal BC Museum and the Province, in celebration of B.C.'s 150th anniversary.

Canadian Pacific's rolling ambassador, the vintage CP 2816 Empress Steam Locomotive, lead the rail tour into Castlegar the afternoon of June 14th, before rolling down the tracks into Nelson for a family oriented evening performance.



The historic tour was enhanced by vintage passenger, business and stage cars. As well, the partners converted a 1958 Ex Union Pacific baggage car into a rolling museum, a travelling version of the Royal BC Museum's Free Spirit: Stories of You, Me and B.C. exhibit. Following a great show by Carey McKillop and the Spirit of BC 150 Band and the BC 150 Players performing historical vignettes, hundreds of people lined up to view the historic museum car. Only time limited the number of people who wanted to revisit history in this historic rail car.



Spirit of BC 150 Band Featuring Carey Mckillop

The BC 150 Train received a warm welcome from hundreds of local residents including Nelson Mayor John Dooley. BC 150 is a celebration of 150 years since the founding of BC as a Crown colony, celebrating cultural diversity and achievement.



Nelson Mayor John Dooley

The Chamber of Commerce is continuing with the preliminary work that is necessary before signing off on the official transfer of the Historic Train Station from CP Rail to the Chamber. Earlier this year, the Chamber commissioned Fairbank Architect Limited of Nelson to develop the initial conceptual plans, as well as project costing, developing construction timelines and detailed information concerning structural, mechanical, and electrical requirements to complete the restoration. It is our intent to roll out the project to public meetings this fall.



Going Out In Style:
The 64th and Final Nelson
Midsummer Bonspiel
July 6th-12th

“Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I’m 64?”

July 1st, 1945 marked the first Nelson Midsummer Bonspiel, now July of 2008, some 64 years later the historic Nelson Midsummer bonspiel is calling it a day. Through good times and bad times, the bonspiel survived, but event organizers made the call last year that The 64th Annual Nelson Midsummer Bonspiel will be the last. Due to declining numbers and aging attendees, one of the longest running amateur sporting events in Canada will be no more.

Bonspiel Chair Barry Marsh of Sears Nelson and the hard working committee, have invited all that have ever attended to come and say goodbye to the Old Girl. Even if you can’t get down in the hack, or can’t make it for the full week, we’re inviting you to come and reminisce about the glory days of one of the events that make curling the great game that it is.

It seems apparent that there are some grand memories from people who have taken part in the Midsummer over the years due to this years response The numbers may have been dwindling over the past few years, but this year, the bonspiel is jam packed with 120

teams. That is about 500 curlers, not to mention family that may be travelling to Nelson to stay in Hotels, Motels, B&B’s, eat in our restaurants, relax in our pubs and shop in our local stores. The dates are from July 6th to 12th. There are separate men’s and ladies events, taking place on the best ice you’ll find anywhere in July.

An event like the Nelson Midsummer Bonspiel would not be a success without a hard working committee of Nelson Curling Club volunteers, who go about the organization of this event starting almost immediately following the winners being determined each year. The Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce would like to acknowledge all of the great work that has been done by the hundreds of volunteers over the years.

There has also been a consistent core of sponsors throughout the years, including: Columbia Brewery Labatts (64 yrs), Vincor, Nelson & District Credit Union (33 yrs), Maglio Building (26 yrs), Save On Foods (22 yrs) High Terrain Helicopters, Van Hellemond Sporte, Sears Nelson, Thorman Drilling, Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson Toyota, and the many coupon book sponsors. Special thanks to the City of Nelson. When you meet one of these sponsors, or one of the Curling Club volunteers remember to say thanks. Stop into Touchstones July 28th-August 31st for a historical tribute to the grand history of this event. If you own a retail store, pub, restaurant, Hotel, Motel or B&B thank the curlers for returning to Nelson for the 64th Annual.

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Service Canada Centre for Youth
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Flightfest 2008 takes flight July 19th in Nelson

Once again the Nelson Pilots Association will be hosting the annual Nelson BC Flightfest and Airport Appreciation Days on Saturday July 19, 2008. This aviation event attracts both locals and folks flying in from across BC, Alberta and the US .and beyond (last years farthest participants flew in all the way from Ontario!)

The fun gets underway Saturday morning July 19th with the famous pancake breakfast at the airport starting at 8am. Lots of interesting antique, classic, warbird and home built aircraft will be on display - as well, flying demonstrations will be the order of the day! For the first time ever ,Flightfest will have an Air show component – the Fraser Blues will perform their awesome aerial routine consisting of five vintage Navion Aircraft. Scheduled to appear will be Trans-Canada Airlines vintage 1939 Lockheed Model 10 Electra. Also making an appearance will be the Canadian Military with three aircraft - a brand new Harvard II NATO trainer as well as a Cormorant Helicopter and Buffalo on static display all day Saturday July 19th

Last years event saw more that 2500 people through the gates – all gave rave reviews. Support general aviation by planning to be part of this grass roots aviation tradition. Hat's off to the Nelson Pilots Association for organizing another great community event.

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