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City cancels Canada Day celebrations

Powell River, BC – Canada Day celebrations for the City of Powell River have been cancelled. The announcement was made on Tuesday, April 21 by Parks, Recreation and Culture Director, Ray Boogaards.

“To ensure the safety of all citizens from the COVID-19 virus and maintain physical distancing, the city will be following the advice provided by the Provincial Health Officer and cancelling the annual Canada Day celebration this year,” said Boogaards. “This is very unfortunate as every year people from this region look forward to Canada Day at Willingdon Beach. We look forward to the continuation of the Canada Day celebrations on July 1, 2021.”

On Saturday, April 18, Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, said that large events and gatherings, like Canada Day, would have to be cancelled.

“We will not be having those big events this summer,” said Henry.

Canada Day in Powell River is added to other major summer events and festivals that have been cancelled, including Pacific Region International Summer Music Festival, BC Bike Race, Blackberry Festival and street party, Art in the Park and International Choral Kathaumixw.

To maintain physical distancing and prevent the transmission of the virus, Henry encouraged people to celebrate Canada Day virtually as an alternative to getting together. On March 16, Henry banned gatherings of over 50 people in efforts to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

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