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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **January, 30, 2018**
FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture** FILE: **8200/01**
SUBJECT: **Canada 150 Celebration Update**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommends that Council receive this report as information.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the activities and events that took place within Surrey in 2017 to commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary.

BACKGROUND

Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017 was a significant milestone for our country; it provided an opportunity for Canadians to connect with the past, celebrate its communities and build a legacy for the future. The Federal Vision for Canada 150 was to get Canadians to foster and celebrate a greater sense of community in 2017 and beyond.

Surrey hosted a multi-faceted, year-long celebration that built on the national themes and recognized Surrey's distinct and vibrant town centres. The events and programs left a lasting legacy that will foster civic pride and carry the spirit of Canada 150 into the future.

The City of Surrey's Canada 150 activities showcased the City's diverse and inclusive programs, strong community partnerships and helped create legacy projects which established lasting memories and increased community pride.

DISCUSSION

Marketing, Promotion & Awareness of Canada 150

The City initiated an extensive campaign in 2017 to promote awareness of programs, activities, and events for Canada 150 and to build excitement around Surrey's Canada 150 celebration. A launch event was held in February to kick off the program with a City Hall celebration and ceremony including unveiling of a video to showcase the year's events. A copy of the campaign promotion is attached to this report as Appendix "I".

This was complemented by a Canada 150 themed website that integrated Canada Day activities closer to the Canada Day Celebration. This was supported by 22 separate social media campaigns at that time to boost exposure. The site experienced visitation of about 150,000 page views in addition to over 42,000 page views specific to Canada 150 content.

On the digital front, a customized eNews invite and email calendar was executed, alongside digital gateway signs, digital ads in facilities, and paid digital ads cross platform (google, facebook, twitter, instagram). A “Canada 150 Stories” contest with weekly prizing was also initiated to engage the public further which generated 6,500 page views through 65 entries over a 15 week period. On Facebook, the City shared 34 posts referencing Canada 150 for a combined reach of 170,709 people reached.

Special Events

Throughout 2017, Canada’s 150th anniversary was celebrated at major events such as Party for the Planet, Canada Day, Fusion Festival, Surrey Tree Lighting Festival and the Surrey International Children’s Festival. Commemorative Canada 150 features and activations contributed to the City of Surrey’s Canada Day celebration being named British Columbia’s “Most Outstanding Public Event Over \$200,000” and Surrey Fusion Festival named “Best Public Festival” at the inaugural 2017 Canadian Regional Event Awards.

Canada Day and Fusion Festival

In celebration of Canada 150, top-level headliners were booked for Surrey Canada Day and Fusion Festival, with free performances offered by Nelly Furtado, Hedley, Magic!, Classified and Amrinder Gill. Canada Day and Fusion Festival each had a Canada 150 stage that offered a variety of Canadian, French-Canadian and Indigenous performers. Indigenous villages were created near the Canada 150 stage that featured multiple traditional buckskin teepees with Elder storytelling, drum making clinics, button making, and traditional Indigenous hand, bone and stick games. The villages also included an authentic longhouse backdrop that showcased wood and silver carving demonstrations.

A designated Canada 150 Zone was implemented at each major event that featured autograph signing sessions with Canadian Olympian Hayley Wickenheiser, Canada 150 passport contests, and other family friendly activities. Within the Canada 150 Zone was the Canada 150 Kids Zone that included Kids World, Toddler Town and Storyville which offered games and activities for children of all ages.

Dominion Days Festival

As a new event, Dominion Days Festival offered a unique heritage flavour and theme for Surrey residents on July 1-2. Held at Historic Stewart Farm in South Surrey, visitors experienced Canada’s birthday as if it were in the year 1900.

Children’s Festival

At the 13th annual Surrey International Children’s Festival, Canada 150 was celebrated on the free community outdoor stage that was re-branded as the Canadian Maple Leaf Dance Hall.

Programming

The City celebrated Canada 150 through a number of themed programs:

- The annual *Sounds of Summer* Program, a series of free outdoor concerts in City parks; featured artists, Canadian folk bands or concerts were “Coast to Coast” themed to share music from the different regions of our country.
- Music on the Plaza events featured Canadian folk music and dancing during weekly performances at City Hall Plaza during the month of August.
- The Downtown Surrey BIA, in partnership with the City of Surrey, held Hockey in the Plaza events at City Hall on July 13, 20 and 27. Each week featured a game between special guest teams, including Surrey Fire, Surrey RCMP and students from SFU’s School of Science and Technology.
- The 6th annual Surrey Doors Open event took place on Saturday, June 17. More than 4,800 visitors attended this event to explore 21 venues across the City where venues incorporated activities and historical facts.
- City Staff partnered with a local seniors group to host a Canada 150 seniors concert on November 24th, 2017 at Surrey City Hall. The intent of the event was to not only acknowledge Canada 150 but to specifically celebrate seniors in the community. The event was emceed by one of Surrey’s most well-known and dedicated volunteers, Roger Bose. Local professional talent included, a national fiddle champion, Mike Sanyshyn, The Pat Chessell Band, The Barbershop Quartet, The Versatiles Variety Show and to complete the event, The Langley Ukulele Ensemble.
- A Canada 150 signature initiative, *Experiences Canada 150 & Me*, was a unique multi-destination event series for youth aged 14 to 19 years. Its purpose was to engage thousands of young Canadians in a conversation about Canada’s future in addition to featuring a student exchange program. 150 participants were selected through a Canada-wide competition, and travelled to one of four regional cities (Vancouver, Montreal, Halifax, and Winnipeg) for a youth forum and a week of educational, cultural, and community activities. The City of Surrey hosted 90 youth for a morning of workshops and guided tours, introducing them to Surrey’s role as a leader among municipalities in sustainability.
- The Surrey Local Immigration, in partnership and collaboration with the City hosted a community citizenship ceremony at Surrey City Hall where sixty new Canadians were sworn in on April 12th. The celebration also featured a roundtable discussion where the new citizens shared what it means to them to be Canadian.
- City of Surrey’s staff promoted the Celebration and Activity Grant Category of the Community Enhancement Program to encourage residents to host Canada 150 themed block parties and initiatives in their neighbourhood. There were over 30 Canada 150 themed block parties hosted in Surrey’s neighbourhood’s in 2017.
- Surrey Civic Theatres kicked off its participation in Surrey’s Canada 150 celebrations in a regional partnership with the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival and the City of Burnaby’s Shadbolt Centre for the Arts on a two-phased youth-focused project. Phase one featured a professional production of the award-winning Canadian play *Concord Floral*. Presented in February at the Surrey Arts Centre Studio Theatre, the play featured a cast of Lower Mainland youth, including youth from Surrey. The second phase of this youth-focused initiative was the Theatre Makers Creation Workshop which was supported by a \$150,000 grant from the Vancouver Foundation. The spring series of professional development workshops, led by industry professionals and City staff was culminated by an evening showcase performance of work created by the youth called *Tales of the Grove*, presented at the Shadbolt Centre in September of 2017.

- Surrey Civic Theatres presented three Canada-themed productions at the Surrey Arts Centre. Audiences sang along to some of Canadian's most loved music in the patriotic concert *Oh, Canada, We Sing for Thee!*, created by and starring Leisa Way. *The Canada Show: The Complete History of Canada in One Hour* by Monster Theatre featured a historical joy-ride through our country's colourful past with sketch comedy and song. Finally, the premiere production of *Married to Canada* by Sudnya Dance Academy, a moving portrayal through Indian classical and folk dance styles of the hopes, dreams, and traditions an Indian bride brings to Canada, celebrating 150 years of Indian heritage in this country.
- Surrey Art Gallery (the "Gallery") presented a series of exhibitions and education programs that featured contemporary artists and their artworks that reflect on the state of the nation, its history, and its present, with a particular emphasis on the land and environment.
- Over 1,000 Surrey School District students shared their perspectives on Canada for the future in the exhibition *Canada 150: Art by Surrey Students*. Students were invited to respond to the themes of Truth and Reconciliation, the Voices of Youth, and Environmental Stewardship.
- Arts Council of Surrey in partnership with the Surrey Art Gallery opened a juried exhibition, *Reflections on Canada* which featured the work of local artists, expressing their perspectives on Canada, past, present and future.
- In the fall, the Gallery presented *Ground Signals*: a group exhibition, curated in consultation with local First Nations, featuring Canadian artists from coast-to-coast.
- UrbanScreen featured a commissioned digital animation artwork by Marianne Nicholson.
- The exhibition *Canada, eh!* featured Canada-themed quilts created by Fraser Valley Quilter's Guild members.

Beautification

The Parks Division incorporated the Canada 150 theme into the horticulture displays at key public buildings and gateway entrances to Surrey. This included horticultural designs of the Canada Flag or Maple Leaf, as well as using key colours in the design of new flower beds.

1,000 red and white tulip bulbs were planted at Holland Park as a Canada 150 Celebration Garden, hosted by the Canada Garden Council. Staff also worked with over 300 volunteers to plant 575 native trees and shrubs at Green Timbers Park to commemorate National Tree Day. Parks staff handed out maple trees during community events, so residents can plant them in their own backyards.

As part of a city-wide beautification initiative, staff installed Canada 150 themed banners on 600 street poles within the six town centres. The Public Art Program commissioned an artist to create a design for the street banners that reflects Canada's values; these banners were installed on approximately 100 light poles outside of the City's cultural facilities in February.

The exterior stairs at the City Hall adjacent to the green wall were wrapped in the Canadian flag during the spring and summer of 2017, allowing the flag to serve as the backdrop of many City and community events.

Legacy Projects

Surrey: A City of Stories is the Canada 150 book project initiated by the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission, and led by Heritage Services who worked with award-winning local author, K. Jane Watt. *Surrey: A City of Stories* is the first book of its kind, providing Surrey residents with an illustrated guide to their City's history. *Surrey: A City of Stories* offers stories of this place in all their breadth and diversity, from the distant past to the modern day.

City of Surrey, in partnership with the Newton BIA organized the creation of a tile mural that will serve as a legacy project. The mural is comprised of 600 4x4" tiles that were painted by Surrey residents and then arranged by an artist team from Canada 150 Mosaic into a design that represents the City of Surrey. The completed mosaic is installed at 137 Street and 72 Avenue for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The Surrey Columbian Centennial Totem Pole, carved by John Edward "Ted" Neel, a Kwakwaka'wakw carver, for Surrey in Canada's centennial year, receive significant conservation treatment, to preserve this artwork for generations to come. The parkland surrounding the pole was upgraded, and heritage information about this designated heritage feature in the City was enhanced.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Celebrating Canada 150 through programming and events created a caring community that continues to build and encourage a sense of belonging and access to opportunities for all Surrey residents. This initiative supported the Community Themes of Inclusion, Education and Culture, specifically the following Desired Outcomes:

- Arts & Heritage DO 7: An enviable and vibrant arts and heritage sector contributes to Surrey's citizen engagement, enrichment, economy, community livability, and civic pride;
- Arts & Heritage DO 9: Surrey supports and celebrates its diverse artists, cultures and community heritage through inclusive festivals, programming and events; and
- Community Pride & Engagement DO 18: Celebrate and build upon what makes us proud of our community.

CONCLUSION

Surrey successfully hosted a multi-faceted, year-long celebration of Canada 150, built on the national themes and honouring Surrey's distinct and vibrant town centres.

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Appendix "I" - Community Program Guide – Surrey Celebrates Canada 150

SURREY CELEBRATES CANADA 150

**COMMUNITY
PROGRAM GUIDE**

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CANADA 150

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Linda Hepner
Mayor

The year 2017 marks Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation, a significant milestone for our great country that provides an opportunity for all of us to connect with the past, celebrate our communities and build a legacy for the future.

In concert with the national themes of environment, diversity and inclusion, youth, and national reconciliation, the City of Surrey is planning a range of celebratory activities including opportunities for individuals, businesses and community organizations to get involved throughout the year.

On behalf of Council, I invite you to join in this momentous celebration and, in turn, help foster our national and civic pride.



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2017 INCLUDE:

- 🍁 **WORLD-CLASS MUSICAL PERFORMANCES** INCLUDING HEADLINERS **HEDLEY & SPECIAL GUESTS** AT SURREY CANADA DAY
- 🍁 TRADITIONAL CANADIAN **FOOD PAVILLIONS**
- 🍁 **ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**, FROM STRAWBERRY TEA FOR SENIORS TO SCIENCE WORLD DEMONSTRATIONS FOR KIDS
- 🍁 A SPECTACULAR **FIREWORKS** FINALE.



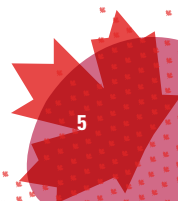
CANADA DAY BIGGER THAN EVER

ON **JULY 1**, BE PART OF THE LARGEST CANADA DAY CELEBRATION IN WESTERN CANADA AT THE ANNUAL SURREY CANADA DAY EVENT HELD AT **BILL REID MILLENNIUM AMPHITHEATRE**.

Hosted by the City of Surrey in collaboration with Coast Capital Savings, this year's Canada Day will be bigger than ever with the introduction of the 'Celebrate Canada 150 Zone'. This special attraction features a Canada 150 Stage showcasing our country's indigenous heritage and Francophone communities including unique First Nations and French Canadian performances.

Shooting Star Amusements will also be on site with a full range of family-oriented fun for the younger crowd, including midway rides, interactive games and bouncy castles.

ADMISSION TO SURREY CANADA DAY IS **FREE**. GATES **OPEN AT 10AM** AND CLOSE FOLLOWING THE **FIREWORKS AT 10:15PM**.



CANADA 150 FESTIVAL ACTIVATIONS

In addition to Surrey Canada Day, the following local festivals—which include the first-ever Dominion Days—will showcase unique Canada 150 activations, including the Celebrate Canada 150 Zone. Watch for Canada-themed interactive displays, heritage exhibits, traditional Canadian foods and “Canadianoke”, a karaoke tent spotlighting all Canadian hits.

PARTY FOR THE PLANET

April 22, 2017

Surrey’s Party for the Planet is one of the largest Earth Day celebrations in BC and it’s free! In 2017, Earth Day will ignite the spirit of Canada 150 while inspiring awareness for the earth’s natural environment. This year’s event is sponsored by TD Bank and will include entertainment from headline performer Shawn Hook, as well as additional performances by Will Stroet and Youngblood.

SURREY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL

May 25–27, 2017

The 13th annual Surrey International Children’s Festival will feature expanded Canadian programming on the Community Spirit Stage, which this year will be renamed the Canadian Maple Leaf Dance Hall. The stage, which is open to the public, will welcome a variety of professional music and dance performers. Additional Canada 150 activities will be found throughout the main festival area. Admission to the site and select activities is free.

DOMINION DAYS

July 1–2, 2017

New this year to mark Canada 150 is Dominion Days, a two-day festival offering a unique heritage flavour and theme. Visitors will experience Canada’s birthday as if it were 1900. Held at Historic Stewart Farm in South Surrey, the event will feature the award-winning “Re-enactors” performance troupe, live music and entertainment, food, fun, games and the feature Canadiana exhibit. Visitors will be asked to summarize Canada in one word with the results shared through a word cloud at the close of the festival.

SURREY DOORS OPEN CANADA

June 17, 2017

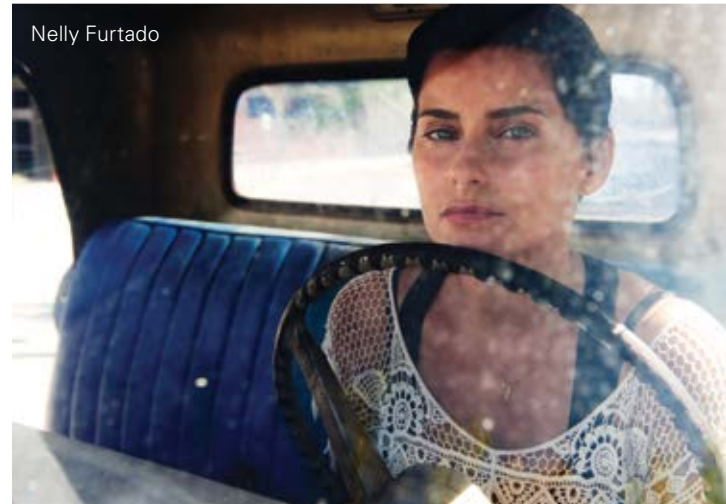
Leading with a Canadian theme, the City of Surrey Doors Open event will celebrate the rich diversity found in Surrey neighbourhoods and across the country. Showcasing unique spaces and sites throughout our City's various town centres, the celebration will include food, entertainment and activities for all ages.

FUSION FESTIVAL

July 22–23, 2017

Surrey Fusion Festival is a two-day event hosted by the City of Surrey in collaboration with Coast Capital Savings at Holland Park. Welcoming headliner Nelly Furtado to the World Music Stage, the event is BC's largest multicultural celebration, bringing together cultural and community groups as well as more than 100 artists and performers from around the world. A two day-long rotation of live entertainment, over 40 cultural pavilions and interactive Canada 150 activities will keep families and visitors busy throughout the weekend.

The Celebrate Canada 150 zone will include the Canada 150 Stage featuring Indigenous, French Canadian and local performers, dance demonstrations, carving displays, Canadian trivia, contests and delicious Canadian cuisine.





One of the legacies of Surrey's Canada 150 program will be a new Surrey history book. Initiated by the Heritage Commission, the book will be richly illustrated with photographs, maps, documents and artefacts, while featuring oral history quotes and contemporary quotes from Surrey residents. The book will be unveiled at the Canada Day event in Cloverdale on July 1 and sold afterwards at the Surrey Museum, Surrey Archives and Historic Stewart Farm.

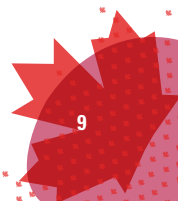


HERITAGE ALIVE IN THE CITY

Heritage activities and activations will come alive in 2017 as the City's Heritage Services division expands programming to complement Canada 150 themes. Canada 150 provides the perfect opportunity to visit and get involved with the Surrey Museum, Historic Stewart Farm or Surrey Archives.

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW DOMINION DAYS FESTIVAL TAKING PLACE JULY 1–2, (*SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS*), **HERITAGE SERVICES WILL HOST A SPECIAL EXHIBITION CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CANADIANA FROM APRIL 22–SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 AT THE HISTORIC STEWART FARM.**

The exhibition will profile unique Canadian objects from the museum's collection, to community members wishing to share their favourite Canadian objects.



CANADA 150 ARTS SHOWCASE

The annual Sounds of Summer Program, a series of free outdoor concerts in City parks, will include Canadian folk bands and “Coast to Coast” themes will feature music from the different regions of our country. Music on the Plaza events will feature Canadian folk music and dancing during weekly sessions at City Hall in August.

Surrey Civic Theatres will host a youth-focused Theatre Makers Creation Workshop in the spring; participants will collaborate with professional theatre artists as they prepare an original performance piece. In the fall, audiences can enjoy two Canada-themed productions at the Surrey Arts Centre. You’ll want to sing along to Canadians’ most-loved music during the patriotic concert *Oh, Canada, We Sing for Thee!*, created by and starring Leisa Way. *The Canada Show: The Complete History of Canada in One Hour* by Monster Theatre is a historical joy-ride with sketch comedy and song.

The Surrey Art Gallery is launching a series of contemporary art exhibitions and education programs that reflect on our country for Canada’s 150th birthday. On view in the Surrey Arts Centre lobby this spring is *Canada 150 Art by Surrey Students*, a screen-based exhibit from hundreds of Surrey school students asked to envision their Canada, today and tomorrow.

This summer, **the Arts Council of Surrey, in partnership with Surrey Art Gallery**, will open a juried exhibition called *Arts 2017: Reflections on Canada* that presents the work of local artists reflecting on Canada. You’ll see a range of topics addressed in all sorts of mediums. Fall will kick off with *Ground Signals*, an exhibition responding to notions of “the land” and Canadian identity through contemporary sculpture, audio and video art. This exhibition features a diverse group of creators including nationally renowned indigenous artists and others from across the country.



Image of *Views from the Southbank* opening reception at Surrey Art Gallery in 2015.

Canada 150 is a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on the arts and offer some special programs unique to Surrey on Canada's past, present and future.



REGISTER YOUR OWN 150 PLAY LIST EVENT OR PROGRAM

Individuals, businesses and community organizations can register their own event or program that enables residents to check sports and physical activities off their 150 Play List. Registrants are eligible to receive an Event Celebration Kit and access to grant opportunities.

**For more information on the 150 Play List
program, visit www.participACTION.com.**

GET ACTIVE WITH RECREATION SURREY & PARTICIPACTION 150

To mark Canada's 150th birthday, the City is encouraging residents to get active, starting with the Recreation Surrey 150 Challenge and a series of ball hockey tournaments for all ages and skill levels during the months of July and August. Taking Surrey on the national stage, we are also rallying the community to participate in ParticipACTION's program featuring the 150 Play List—a list of 150 activities from sledge hockey to lacrosse that define our land and people. Each completed activity earns participants of all ages and abilities an entry in weekly, monthly and grand prize draws.

RECREATION SURREY 150 CHALLENGE

As an official 150 Play List tour stop, the City of Surrey is registering key events to help get people moving. Recreation Surrey staff are inviting residents to take part in the Recreation Surrey 150 Challenge. Participants must complete 150 minutes a week of healthy activity at any Recreation Surrey facility for 10 weeks between now and July 1. Once 1150 minutes of activity have been logged in the official 150 Challenge Passport (available for pick up at all Recreation Surrey facilities), participants are eligible for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

Sample 150 Challenge activities include:

- Run or walk on the track
- Swim lengths in the pool
- Take an aquafit class
- Work out in the gym
- Join a group exercise class

YOUR CANADA: YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

PLAN A CANADA 150 BLOCK PARTY

One of the best ways to show your Canada 150 spirit this year is to plan your own neighbourhood block party. The Canada 150 team will be distributing special Canada 150 event starter toolkits in the spring for those interested in leading the charge to bring their neighbourhood to life.

PAINT THE TOWN RED

City beautification in a Canada 150 theme will take shape all across the City beginning in the spring. In addition to painted sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, the Canada 150 theme will be incorporated into horticulture displays and flower beds around key public buildings and gateway entrances to Surrey.

Hosted by the Canada Garden Council, a Canada 150 Celebration Garden featuring a thousand red and white tulips will be planted at Holland Park. A special commemorative banner will be featured on 600 street poles within the six town centres. Visible from the Guildford point of entry, the City will also continue to fly one of the largest Canadian flags in the country.

You can help paint the town red too! The following are just a few thoughts but we welcome you to come up with ideas of your own.

- Form a group to take part in upcoming neighbourhood commemorative tree planting days and set a goal to plant 150 trees in one of the City's six town centres.
- Fly the Canadian flag or plant some flowers in Canada's colours.
- Organize a wear-red day at work or school.
- Share your photos and videos through the City's social media channels.
- Host a Canada 150 event of your own.
- Take part in the Canada 150 Stories for Canada Contest or Canada 150 Volunteer Challenge.



While the City is leading the charge, there are many individuals, organizations, institutions and agencies captivated and energized for the year ahead. Surrey's Canada 150 program will offer a wide range of opportunities for everyone to get in the spirit and participate in activities to help celebrate our national pride at the community level. Whether you plan to partake in an event with family or friends, participate in an art or community activity in your neighbourhood, volunteer or support a city beautification initiative, the City welcomes your participation—big or small.



WHAT IS YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP OR BUSINESS DOING?

A big part of Surrey's Canada 150 celebration is community engagement and participation from community groups, businesses and partner organizations. We'd like to hear what you're doing and help you promote it on our website or digital channels. Contact our programs and project manager with your event, project, or idea by emailing Canada150@surrey.ca.

BE A PART OF IT!

150 STORIES FOR CANADA CONTEST

Between February 27 and June 11, the City is collecting 150 Canadian stories as a gift for Canada's birthday. Stories can be about giving back to your community and country, your Canadian experiences and memories, settlement stories or anything that illustrates what Canada means to you.

Contestants will have the opportunity to win a weekly prize (valued at \$150). One Grand Prize Winner will be chosen from all entries to win the grand prize VIP 'meet and greet' with the Surrey Canada Day headliners, Hedley and special guests. Entries may be submitted by email, social media, mail, or in-person at City Hall or the Surrey Museum.

For more information, visit www.surrey.ca/canada150.

3 THINGS FOR CANADA CAMPAIGN

Canadians are also invited to give a gift of three things—three acts of service, large or small, to help their community and celebrate Canada.

To learn more about this campaign, visit www.ThreeThingsforCanada.ca.

CANADA 150 FOR 150 VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE

The Canada 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge is a nation-wide movement led by Volunteer Ottawa in partnership with Volunteer Canada and volunteer centres across the country. The goal is to have Canadians give 150 hours of volunteer time in 2017 in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday.

Register for the Challenge at www.volunteer150for150.ca.

For information on current City of Surrey volunteer opportunities, visit www.surrey.ca/volunteer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Here is a glimpse of some of the signature events planned for 2017 in Surrey. Our program is being updated regularly so visit us online at www.surrey.ca/canada150 for a complete up-to-date listing. Have your own event? Tell us what you are up to and we'll help promote it! Contact our programs and project manager with an idea or promotion support by emailing Canada150@surrey.ca.

CANADA 150 ART BY SURREY STUDENTS	Feb 11– April 16	Surrey Art Gallery	An art exhibit that explores Canada's past, present and future from a youth's perspective.
CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY	Apr 12	Surrey City Hall	50 resident candidates from Surrey will take an oath to become citizens.
PARTY FOR THE PLANET	Apr 22	City Hall Plaza	Celebrate BC's largest Earth Day Celebration including a special Canada150 zone.
ENVIRONMENTAL EXTRAVAGANZA – 20TH ANNIVERSARY!	Apr 22– June 11	Various City Parks	Free environmental programs and events from Earth Day and World Oceans Day with a Canada150 twist.
CANADIANA EXHIBITION	Apr 22– Sept 6	Stewart Farm	This fun exhibit will showcase dozens of objects that are distinctly Canadian. Includes children's activities and crafts.
13TH ANNUAL ARBOR DAY	Apr 29	Hazलगrove Park	Help plant over 50 very Canadian Maple trees in Hazलगrove Park.
CANADA IN SURREY – A COMMUNITY TREASURES EXHIBIT	May 23– Sept 17	Surrey Museum	Experience life as a British Colony on the coast of the new Canada in 1867.
SURREY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL	May 25–27	Bear Creek Park	The Children's Festival will feature a Canadian Maple Leaf Dance Hall with Canadian professional music and dance performances.
CANADA 150 BLOCK PARTIES	May–Sept	City wide	Host a neighbourhood block party to mark Canada's 150th birthday and win a Canada150 Block Party Prize Pack.
HERITAGE RE-ENACTMENT PERFORMANCES	May–Oct	Various locations	Roving heritage re-enactment performances based on real people from Surrey's past highlighting the period of 1872 to 1972.

SURREY DOORS OPEN	June 17	Various locations	Explore the City and celebrate the rich diversity in Surrey neighbourhoods Canadian style.
ARTS 2017: REFLECTIONS ON CANADA	June 23–Aug 26	Surrey Art Gallery	Local visual artists show their perspectives on Canada—now and in the future.
SOUNDS OF SUMMER	June 28–Aug 30 (Wednesdays)	Various City Parks	A series of free outdoor concerts in City Parks celebrating Canadian artists and regions.
BALL HOCKEY IN THE PLAZA	July–Aug, (Weekdays)	City Centre	Good old Canadian street hockey fun for all ages and all levels in Surrey's City Centre.
PARKIT CANADA 150	July–Aug	Cloverdale Fairgrounds	City Centre Popup parks with a Canada150 theme
SURREY CANADA DAY	July 1	Cloverdale Fairgrounds	Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday with over 100,000 people, Canadian headline performers, fireworks and much more.
DOMINION DAYS FESTIVAL	July 1–2	Historic Stewart Farm	Entertainment-filled festival transporting visitors back to Canada Day celebrations circa 1900.
SURREY FUSION FESTIVAL	July 22–23	Holland Park	Ultimate celebration of Canadian Culture with a special Canada 150 zone.
MUSIC ON THE PLAZA	Aug (Tuesdays)	City Hall Plaza	Weekly Canadian folk music performances in the City Hall Plaza.
OH, CANADA, WE SING FOR THEE!	Sept 22	Main Stage at Surrey Arts Centre	You'll want to sing along during this patriotic concert of Canadians' most-loved music. Created by Leisa Way.
GROUND SIGNALS	Sept 23–Dec 10	Surrey Art Gallery	Contemporary sculpture, audio, and video art responding to notions of "the land" and Canadian identity.
SURREY YOUTH FEST	Sept 30	Guildford Recreation Centre	Revel in local talent—live music, dancing, cooking and more—at the largest youth event of the year.
THE CANADA SHOW: THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF CANADA IN ONE HOUR	Oct 22	Studio Theatre at Surrey Arts Centre	Monster Theatre's historical joy-ride with sketch comedy and song.
GARDEN LIGHT FESTIVAL	Nov 8–9	Bear Creek Park	Lights, lanterns and Canadian-themed installations illuminating the natural landscape.
FRASER VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD	Nov 12–Feb 4	Surrey Art Gallery	Stunning quilt exhibits with a focus on Canadian themes.
TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL	Nov 25	City Hall Plaza	Wrap up Canada 150 party while switching on the tallest Christmas tree in BC.



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Mayor and Council

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