



## Steveston Salmon Festival

*Canada's biggest little birthday party since 1945!*

### **72nd Annual Steveston Salmon Festival Celebrates Canada's Sesquicentennial**

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The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steveston Salmon Festival – “Canada’s biggest little birthday party” – will celebrate our nation’s 150th Anniversary of Confederation with a full day of free family fun on Saturday, July 1 in Richmond’s historic Steveston village.

“We are very excited to be celebrating Canada’s 150th birthday at the Salmon Festival this year and the volunteer team has been working hard to offer more attractions, including relocating the main stage across the street, a new food truck festival, and bringing back an inflatable carnival and midway to the ball diamond in the east field. We are also bringing back the pie and ice cream parlour,” said Kirstine Dickson, Festival co-chair.

Other attractions include a Canada Day parade, the famous salmon bake which serves wild sockeye salmon expertly cooked over open alder wood fire pits, an expanded youth festival, Japanese cultural show, trade show, artisan gallery, and children’s festival. It is a fun filled day for the whole family.

The day starts early at 6:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast. The children’s bike parade takes off at 9:30 a.m., followed at 10:00 a.m. by the big Canada Day parade which includes marching bands, decorated vehicles and plenty of pirates, plus parade floats from Coquitlam, White Rock, the Hyack Festival, War Amps and our own award-winning “Spirit of Steveston” float with Sammy the Salmon aboard.

Immediately after the parade ends, the festival is officially opened at noon with the singing of *O Canada* followed by a hearty declaration by Mayor Malcolm Brodie.

Following the opening ceremony, the Main Stage has a full day of entertainment headlined by Tom Lavin and the Legendary Powder Blues, who take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Other performers include the Steveston Senior Drumming Circle, Urban Myth, Line 49, and Thor. In between acts emcee Steve Kaplan a.k.a. Doktor Strange will keep the crowds entertained.

The Children’s Festival stage welcomes the Ta Daa Lady, Richmond Delta Youth Orchestra, Richmond Martial Arts, and Matt Henry Trained Human.

The Steveston Salmon Festival is part of Richmond Canada Day in Steveston, a full-day celebration stretching across Steveston Village. A mega-street party will fill village streets with entertainment on six stages, including a headline performance by Juno Award-winners Wintersleep. The Riverside Village will feature free boarding of more than a dozen unique vessels, including historic tall ships and a Canadian Navy coastal patroller. The whole day is capped off with fireworks over the Fraser River. Visit [www.RichmondCanadaDay.com](http://www.RichmondCanadaDay.com) for more event information.

The Steveston Salmon Festival is grateful for the support of our many sponsors both financially and in-kind. We are also grateful for the financial assistance of the City of Richmond, and media partners Richmond News, AM1320 CHMB, and Steveston Insider.

Parking in Steveston is limited and road closures will be in place on July 1st throughout the day. Festival goers are encouraged to take transit, cycle or walk to avoid traffic and parking congestion. Shuttle service will be available from the City of Richmond Works Yard, 5599 Lynas Lane.

For complete details including a schedule of events, parade map, road closure notice and parking information, please visit the Steveston Salmon Festival website at [www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca](http://www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca).

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