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Celebrate Canada Day at the Steveston Salmon Festival this July 1

The 77th Steveston Salmon Festival will take place in Steveston Village on Monday, July 1 from 10:00am to 5:00pm with the Spirit of Steveston Zone open until 7:00pm. The celebration of community spirit will span from Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. Festival goers are invited to enjoy the day-long program of live music, family-friendly activities, delicious food and, of course, the show-stopping Canada Day Parade.

Kids' Bike Parade and Canada Day Parade

Early risers can enjoy the adorable procession of the Kids' Bike Parade at 9:30am. Children donning their finest Canada Day gear will ride the big parade towards a crowd full of cheers and encouragement. But that's just the beginning. At 10:00am more than 70+ dazzling floats set the stage for an unforgettable Canada Day Parade, starting from Garry Point Park.

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Classic festival foods

The festival is synonymous with the wood-fired Salmon Bake. Come hungry, as there will be lots to taste and savour throughout the day, including the popular chow mein bowl, fluffy stacks of pancakes and more than 20 different food trucks and vendors.

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Music and entertainment

Two stages will feature live music and performances all day long. The Spirit of Steveston stage will be headlined by the iconic six-piece dance band Dr. Strangelove, while the new Catch of the Day stage will feature local favourite Midnight Cruiser Band. Families will want to check out Sammy's Fun Zone and the Youth Zone for carnival games, face painting and more. And roving entertainers will delight with juggling and still walking and more. For those looking to experience local culture, check out the Japanese Cultural Show and the Art Show.

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Getting to the festival

Parking is limited throughout the day and road closures will be in effect in and around Steveston Village from 8:00am to 7:30pm. Festival goers are encouraged to use public transportation, walk or ride their bike to the village. A [complimentary shuttle](#) and wheel watch (bike and stroller storage) will also be available.

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About the Steveston Salmon Festival

The Steveston Salmon Festival began as a July 1 “Sports Day” themed event, which was held as a fundraiser to build a playground in the Steveston Park in 1944. Today, it is one of the largest non-profit driven Canada Day celebrations in the country. From 1946 to today, there has been a myriad of changes, from the parade route and more notably the name change from Richmond Salmon Queen Carnival to Steveston Salmon Festival. There has not been a Salmon Queen since 1986, but there have been other components which have remained constant: the Festival is always a homage to Steveston’s salmon fishing heritage, and the dedication of the citizens of Steveston still drives “Canada’s biggest little birthday party” each year.

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