

## **Public Service Announcement**

June 25, 2015 City of Edmonton

#### Celebrate Canada Day 2015 in Edmonton

Celebrate Canada's 148th birthday in Edmonton by joining in on some of the many fun family events taking place around the city. End the day by watching a dynamic synchrony of light and music on Edmonton's historic High Level Bridge, followed by a spectacular Canada Day fireworks finale.

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#### Light the Bridge

#### Time: 11 p.m.

Head to your favourite viewing site and watch as the river valley is illuminated with light art created by Edmonton lighting designer Scott Peters and musician Jason Kodie. This dynamic programming will be accompanied by a soundscape of Edmonton music, which will be simulcast on CKUA Radio. The duo was commissioned to create a special program using the High Level Bridge lights by the Edmonton Arts Council. The light show will end with a special Asani performance of O Canada

#### **Canada Day Fireworks Finale**

Enjoy the magnificent fireworks display over Edmonton's river valley parks and the North Saskatchewan

#### Good viewing locations:

- Alberta Legislature Grounds
- Victoria Park (River Valley Road)
   Ezio Faraone Park (west entrance to High Level Bridge on 109 St. north)
- Dantzer's Hill (below Queen Elizabeth Park)
- Government House Park (Groat Road & River Valley Road)
- TELUS Field is offering a reduced admission price of \$4 per person after the 8<sup>th</sup> inning of the Edmonton Prospects vs. the Weyburn Beavers game for those who wish to view the fireworks Food concessions will be open until 10:30 p.m.

Note: No viewing is available from Kinsmen Park

#### Viewing areas accessible on foot only (closed to vehicles):

- River Valley Road
- Queen Elizabeth Park Road
- 109 St. (between Saskatchewan Drive & the High Level Bridge)

Access is restricted in Kinsmen Park, High Level & Menzies Bridges after road closures are in effect. Kinsmen playground and picnic area are closed on Canada Day.

Expect traffic delays two hours before the fireworks and 90 minutes after the show. Please be patient and courteous to help to make the trip home from the fireworks safe for everyone. For road closure details visit the Current Traffic Disruptions map.

Usual restrictions and increased parking bans will be in effect. The installation of parking meter hoods and no stopping signs will begin early on July 1st to ensure that these lanes are clear of vehicles during peak traffic times. With minimal parking in the area of many venues, Edmontonians are encouraged to take the bus or LRT. Vehicles illegally parked will be tagged and towed.



## Celebrate Canada Day in Edmonton

Celebrate Canada's birthday with free <u>Canada Dayactivities at City Hall</u>. The fun kicks off with a Canada Dayceremonyin the City Room, followed by live music and dancing, kids' crafts, City Hall tours, displays, give-aways and more. Free family fun for all ages!

## FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015<sup>™</sup> Semi Final

Time: 5 p.m.

Cost: Regular Admission

Only four teams are still reaching for a Greater Goal in the FIFAWomen's World Cup Canada 2015 TM! Be at Commonwealth Stadium for the Semi Final. Tickets include free Transit to and from Commonwealth Stadium. For details visit <a href="editarrange">editarrange</a> Editarrange</a> (and from Commonwealth Stadium. For details visit <a href="editarrange">editarrange</a> (and from Commonwealth Stadium. For details visit <a href="editarrange">editarrange</a> (and from Commonwealth Stadium).

#### Canada Day at the Edmonton Valley Zoo

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: Regular admission

Celebrate Canada Day and Lucy the elephant's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday! Visit the Canadian animals, eat a red and white cupcake, and enjoy a wonderful mix of family activities and entertainment. Be sure to sing 'Happy Birthday' while Lucy is presented with a special birthday surprise!

#### Canada Day at the Muttart Conservatory

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: Regular admission Celebrate our nation's 148<sup>th</sup> birthday with a visit to the <u>Muttart Conservatory</u>. Enjoy live music, Canada Day crafts and face painting. Treats and fun activities will be available throughout the day—a fun event for the whole family!

#### Dominion Day at Fort Edmonton Park

#### Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's the 148<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Confederation of Canada! Celebrate the traditional Edmonton way: watch an authentic parade, toast to the Queen, sing Happy Birthday, and take part in other royal activities. Avoid the line ups: visit the Fort Edmonton Park website to buy your tickets online.

#### Cool Off on Canada Day

Spend time soaking up the summer at a City of Edmonton <u>outdoor pool</u> or visit one of the City's <u>Recreation Centres</u>. Regular admission rates apply. Holiday hours will be in effect. Splash away the day at one of the City's free <u>Water Play Features</u> (spray parks).

#### Mill Woods Celebrates Canada Day

#### Time: 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Come to MII Woods Park (66 St. & 23 Ave.) and join in on the free family activities including hay rides, a petting zoo, carnival games, bouncy castles and an inflatable obstacle course, live music and more! Fireworks display takes place at 11 p.m. For road closure details, visit the Current Traffic Disruptions map.

#### Canada Day Events in Boyle McCauley

Celebrate Canada Davin the heart of downtown Edmonton with two free events:

#### Boyle Street Community League BBQ

#### Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Come to the Boyle Street Plaza (9538-103A Ave.) for a free BBQ celebration.

#### Chinatown Night Market

#### Time: 4 to 9 p.m.

Celebrate Canada Day on Harbin Road (in front of the Chinatown Multicultural Centre, 9540-102 Ave.) with traditional entertainment, arts and gift sales, and food trucks. (Please note that 102 Ave. will be closed to vehicles between 95 St. and 96 St. during this time.) Visit the website for more information.

#### Canada Day at the Alberta Legislature

#### Time: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Celebrate our nation's birthday with the whole family at the Alberta Legislature with live entertainment and a variety of free family activities. Tour Alberta's historic Legislature Building, and be amongst the first to visit the new Visitor Centre in the Edmonton Federal Building.

#### Celebrate Canada Day at the Art Gallery of Alberta

#### Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Canada Day at the Art Gallery of Alberta. Free admission. Bring the whole family for art activities and a chance to view some exciting exhibitions. Last admission will be at 4:30 p.m.

### **ETS Canada Day Service**

All ETS bus routes will operate on a regular Sunday schedule throughout the day. The LRT will operate on a 10-minute frequency after 10 a.m. to the end of the service day. Regular transit fares apply.

Please note: LRT service over the Menzies Bridge will be suspended during the Light the Bridge display and for the fireworks, depending on weather and wind conditions (trains will hold at stations). Please plan your trip accordingly. For route and schedule details, call BusLink at 780-496-1600 or check the online ETS Trip Planner.

#### Special Fireworks Service

Extra service from transit centres at West Edmonton Mall (along Route 1), Eaux Claires/Northgate (along Route 9), Mll Woods (along Route 8), Westmount (along Route 5) and Southgate (along Route 9) will start at approximately 8 p.m. to provide service before the fireworks display. Following the fireworks, buses will depart from Downtown, Southgate and Coliseum areas. Service will be extended later on all routes operating after 10 p.m.

Routes 9 and 52 will be on detour during the closure of Walterdale Hill, Queen Elizabeth Park Road and the High Level Bridge. Detour routing can be found on <a href="mailto:TakeETS.com">TakeETS.com</a>.

To help keep LRT moving on time, please stand clear of doors and allow people to disembark before boarding.

#### Transit Information

The ETS Customer Services Centre, including Lost & Found and DATS booking office will be closed on July 1. For travel details, call BusLink at 780-496-1600, text 31100, check <u>TakeETS.com</u>, or call 311.

#### DATS Service

The DATS Customer Care Centre will be closed on Canada Day. **All subscription bookings will be cancelled on July 1.** If you need assistance on Canada Day while the Customer Care Centre is closed, please call DATS at 780-496-4567, Option 1.

#### **Fireworks Safety**

If you are buying <u>fireworks in Edmonton</u> for the Canada Day weekend, be safe and make sure you have a permit to use them. Before you use fireworks, always check to see whether there is a <u>fire ban</u> in effect. For more information contact the Fire Prevention Office at 780-496-3628.

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