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ESQUIMALT
1912-2012



Esquimalt 100
Centennial Celebration at
Gorge Park

Event Program

Honouring our past
Celebrating our present
Imagining our future



A Message from the Mayor



On behalf of Council and the residents of Esquimalt, welcome to the Esquimalt Centennial Community Celebration. Please enjoy yourself at our once-in-a-lifetime festival at this special location: Esquimalt Gorge Park.

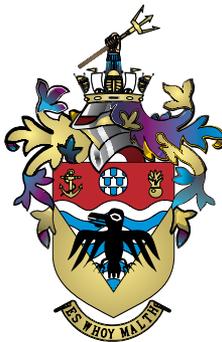
You will notice that we have transformed certain areas of the park in order to hold this important celebration, but the park character – it's location on the Gorge Waterway, its gently rolling landscape, sprawling lawns, forested areas and historic Japanese Gardens – remains a miracle of nature and culture.

The park was first established as BC Electric Gorge Park in 1905, but as far back as the 1860s local settlers used this site for recreation. And to celebrate. Over the years the park has been the site of so many memorable parties, competitions, picnics and grand get togethers. Listen carefully as you wander the grounds and you may hear whispers of parties held so many years ago.

Today is Esquimalt's day for celebration: to celebrate 100 years as an incorporated Township; to honour our storied past and those who have guided our community over the years; to celebrate our glorious present and our favoured location on the west coast; and to imagine our bright future and all that is possible with the strengths we possess.

Enjoy the music, the food, the many activities and the plaza area where you will find displays and booths from community partners and organizations. Thank-you to the Centennial Committee and our volunteers for their dedicated efforts and to our sponsors for making this celebration a memorable one.

Again, welcome and please enjoy Esquimalt's 2012 Centennial Community Celebration here at Gorge Park.



TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Entertainment Schedule

Main Stage

Scheduled Time	Performers
11:30 a.m.	Maureen Washington and Band
1:00 p.m.	Georgia Basin Beat Collective Featuring Chris Frye
3:00 p.m.	Daniel Lapp
4:00 p.m.	Soul Shakers
5:30 p.m.	Fraser Campbell and Band
6:30 p.m.	Wasabi Collective
7:30 p.m.	Jeremy Fisher
8:30 p.m.	Odds
10:00 p.m.	Main stage closes

Garden Stage

Scheduled Time	Performers
12:30 p.m.	Uminari Taiko Drummers
1:40 p.m.	Public ceremony: First Nations blessing and introduction of dignitaries, community announcements, cake cutting
2:30 p.m.	Slam Poetry - featuring Jeremy Loveday & his Slam Poetry Team
4:00 p.m.	Naden Dixie Band
5:00 p.m.	Naden Dixie Band
5:30 p.m.	Garden stage closes

Special Events and Features

Spinnaker's Brew Pub Refreshment Garden
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club
Voyageur Canoe Rides
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Walking Tours
Author Dennis Minaker Walking Tours
1:30 and 2:30 p.m. departures
J.B. Williams ethno-botanical Tours
2:00 and 3:00 p.m. departures

Provincial Capital Commission Kid's Zone
Activities hosted by Esquimalt Parks and Recreation, United Way, and Sportball.
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Plus: Roving Performers!
Stiltwalker
Magician
Balloon artist
Historical actors
Penny Farthing bike rider

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A Green Centennial Event

Please help us reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill by using the composting and recycling stations set up throughout the park. Thank you for using the right bin for your waste! A free water refill station is also on-site for refilling your reusable water bottle.



- ① Info Booth
- ② Centennial Plaza
- ③ Food Vendors
- ④ Main Stage
- ⑤ Garden Stage
- ⑥ Spinnaker's Refreshment Garden
- ⑦ PCC Kid's Zone*
- ⑧ Voyageur Canoe Rides
- ⑨ Bike Parking
- ⑩ Sioux Place Park Entrance



-  Waste Station
-  Washrooms

*Sponsored by the Provincial Capital Commission



Our Centennial Performers

Odds



Power pop legends Odds create tunes with addictive melodies, clever lyrics, and classic pop arrangements. In 2008 the group recorded the stellar *Cheerleader* album, featuring the single “My Happy Place” (as heard in the outro for the hit show *Corner Gas*).

Jeremy Fisher



Listening to *Mint Juleps*, the fifth album by two-time Juno Award nominee Jeremy Fisher, is like ambling through the long and relaxed dog days of summer. The acoustic-driven collection of 12 songs reunites Fisher with his folk-drenched musical roots.

Daniel Lapp



Daniel Lapp has been an innovator, mentor and staple of the west coast music scene for over 20 years. Since learning his first tunes from his farming/fiddling grandpa, his work on the fiddle has garnered him praise from critics around the world.

Wasabi Collective



Wasabi Collective is a spicy five-piece from the arty, alternative-thinking small town of Nelson, B.C., and has been busy spreading their positive west coast vibes. The band’s sound fuses everything from pop, rock, hip hop, roots reggae, funk, jazz and everything in between.

Chris Frye with the Georgia Basin Beat Collective



Soul Shakers



Fraser Campbell



Maureen Washington and Band



Scan with your mobile device to view more information on performers.

Esquimalt Shines (The Esquimalt Centennial Song)

By Fraser Campbell

Behold the sun and where it shines
The place where shoaling waters lie
Surrounding land that we hold dear

From rocky shores and evergreens
To busy schools and bustling streets
This lovely land is so beautiful

We will hold it dear, we will hold it close
Oh this land we know, oh this home we host
Oh this town that we love, let it be built on love
Always, God bless this land

We honour those who were here first
Who kept this land both sea and earth
The fathers of these ancient shores

And we honour those who guard them now
Women and men armed, brave and proud
But oh let peace reign in our town always

We will hold it dear, we will hold it close
Oh this land we know, oh this home we host
Oh this town that we love, let it be built on love
Always, God bless this land

And now we spread our arms and reach
To join our hands in love and peace
We will embrace diversity and be unified

And let us be a shining light
A beacon of hope for stormy nights
One hundred years and shining bright for many
more

We will hold it dear, we will hold it close
Oh this land we know, oh this home we host
Oh this town that we love, let it be built on love

Always, God bless this land

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