

For Immediate Release
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86th Annual Fort Langley May Day

The coming of the summer months has been celebrated for generations by the collection of bushes or garlands of flowers and the raising of maypoles. The Village of Fort Langley has honoured this tradition for 85 years in the popular Fort Langley May Day Parade and Festival. We'd like to welcome you to enjoy the 86th Annual Fort Langley May Day parade and Festival on Monday, May 19th, 2008. This festival is a free community event and is attended by approx. 5,000 - 8,000 visitors annually.

The Lions Club kicks off the day with a pancake breakfast at the Lions Hall on the corner of Glover and 88th Avenue from 8:00 - 10:30 am. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids - comes with sausage, coffee, and juice.

The parade begins at 11:00 am on Glover Road, and includes marching bands, the Vancouver Police motorcycle drill team, the May Queen and her Court, and many fun floats and personalities.

THE PARADE ROUTE AND FESTIVAL IN THE PARK LOCATION HAS CHANGED!

To commemorate BC's 150th birthday and the heritage of Fort Langley as the birthplace of BC where it all began, the parade route has been reversed to begin at the Fort Langley Lions Hall at 88th Ave. and Glover Rd. heading North on Glover Rd., East on Mavis Ave., and ending up at the Fort Langley National Historic Site for the Festival in the Park following the parade.

The festival begins at 12:30 pm (following the parade), with the traditional Maypole Dancing, kiddie amusement rides and a midway of carnival games, children's entertainment and face painting, live music and entertainment, a Marketplace with vendors, and food concession including the famous Freybe's sausage on a bun and the Fort Langley Lions Chicken BBQ.

In addition, the Fort Langley National Historic Site will be hosting a Strawberry Tea e entertainment in the afternoon - for more information, please contact the Fort Langley National Historic Site at 604-513-4777.

Ever one is welcome to enjoy the 86th year of this fun family May Day tradition in the Historic Village of Fort Langley.

Parade and vendor forms are available to download at www.fortlangley.com or by calling the Fort Langley BIA at 604-888-8835.

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