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### **City Takes Extra Precautions at Canada Day Due to Hot Dry Conditions**

**Abbotsford, June 30, 2015**– The City of Abbotsford is asking the public to join the City in taking extra precautions this year during the Canada Day celebrations due to the hot and dry conditions, said Abbotsford Mayor, Henry Braun today.

“Abbotsford Fire Rescue will be on standby to manage all fire-safety aspects related to the dry conditions throughout the day,” said Mayor Braun. “And to help ensure the Canada Day site is prepped and ready, Abbotsford Fire Rescue has also been working closely with Celebration Fireworks, the company that provides us with our Canada Day fireworks display each year, to ensure the fireworks section is completely primed and safe for the fireworks to take place.”

Celebration Fireworks also monitors elements including wind conditions to certify that fireworks can proceed in a safe manner and will ensure that all environmental factors are considered before the fireworks proceed tomorrow evening.

“With the hot temperatures expected to remain all week, the City would like to send a general reminder to the public to be extra vigilant and aware of all fire hazards caused by the dry weather conditions,” added Braun. “It is especially important for everyone to be fire-aware when disposing of cigarettes, including while driving.”

Temperatures for tomorrow’s celebrations are expected to remain around the 30 degree Celsius mark with clear skies. To assist the public with ‘beating the heat’, the City has set-up a water station where the public can refill water bottles at the Canada Day site.

“It’s important to remain hydrated to avoid getting heat exhaustion,” said Braun. “We want everyone to have a safe, fun and enjoyable Canada Day celebration!”

For details about Canada Day celebrations and activities visit: [www.abbotsford.ca/canadaday](http://www.abbotsford.ca/canadaday)

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