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New Event Calendar Highlights Canada150 Celebrations in Abbotsford

Abbotsford, March 21, 2017 – As Canada celebrates its 150th birthday this year, the City of Abbotsford along with many community organizations are gearing up to ensure the celebrations continue throughout the year to honour our great country, announced Mayor Henry Braun.

The City of Abbotsford has recently launched a community events calendar for all Canada150 celebrations happening in Abbotsford. Businesses, community groups and organizations can submit a Canada150 event to this central community calendar which will act as a portal to the many events occurring in our community. Visit www.abbotsford.ca/canada150calendar for details.

"There are so many celebrations taking place this year so we really wanted to make sure residents and visitors could easily find out what was happening throughout the year to celebrate Canada150," said Mayor Henry Braun. "With a simple click to this calendar, residents now can easily see how they can participate and join in the celebrations of our great country."

Canada150 will also be the theme of this year's annual Canada Day celebrations at Exhibition Park on July 1. Prospera Credit Union has once again stepped up as the naming sponsor of Abbotsford's Canada Day Celebrations, holding this title for many years.

"Prospera has always shown a high level of dedication and commitment to our city and to Canada Day, and they truly are an amazing corporate partner," said Braun. "Community involvement through partnerships and sponsors are behind the success of Abbotsford's Canada Day, and we thank Prospera for continually giving back to the community each year."

"This is a meaningful year for all Canadians as we celebrate 150 years as a country. At Prospera, we're excited to celebrate this milestone and show some "True North" pride," said Shawn Good, *President and CEO* of Prospera Credit Union. "We're looking forward to all the fun and fanfare of an extra special Canada Day in Abbotsford this year as we celebrate not just our nation's birthday, but also our unique sense of connectedness that is an integral part of our Canadian heritage."

Along with the annual Canada Day celebrations on July 1, the City of Abbotsford is also planning two more great events to celebrate Canada150, including a 'Symphony Under the Stars' celebration at Exhibition Park on June 30th and a 'Red White and YOU' event on August 10 at Mill Lake, featuring a spectacular laser light show. More details will be available soon on the new Canada150 community calendar.

Applications are also now being accepted for the Canada Day parade, community booths, entertainment on the main stage and volunteer applications. Organizations and individuals can register for any of these activities at www.abbotsford.ca/canadaday.

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