



CANADA DAY 2024
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PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

The City of Abbotsford and Tourism Abbotsford's first priority is ensuring the safety of all parade activities, volunteers, participants, and committee members, and to ensure all entrants comply with local Health and Safety Regulations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Participation: If your application or your float on the day is deemed to be inappropriate for the Canada Day Parade, you will receive an email notification informing you that your float has not been accepted. All participants must have a submitted and approved application.

Fees: Commercial entrants are \$300.00 per entry and will be enforced. Commercial groups that do not pay the rate will be refused entry.

Parade Position: Parade position will be based on the needs and safety of the parade and will be determined by the event organizers.

IMPORTANT TIMES & INFORMATION

7:00 AM: Assembly area will be in the Sevenoaks Shopping Centre's Northwest parking lot. The parade will run from South Fraser Way at Borquin Crescent, down Trethewey Street, and ends at W.J. Mouat Secondary School on Mouat Drive.

8:30 AM: All entrants must be in the assembly area and in position.

11:00 AM: Parade begins. Judging of entries will occur along the route.

Hand-Outs: If you are handing out any materials, make sure that they are being handed directly to spectators. No throwing of items into the crowds.

All animal entrants must supply their own clean-up crew for assembly area and parade route, or will be denied entry to the parade.



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SAFETY

Vehicle Insurance: All vehicles must be licensed and fully insured. Insurance is the responsibility of the entrant. All drivers must hold a valid driver's license. Drivers must remain with their vehicles at all times. Vehicles are subject to all sections of the Motor Vehicle Act, enforced by the Abbotsford Police Department.

Every parade entry is required to have two safety people walking with them, one safety person on each side of the entry for the duration of the parade route. Please note that exceptions include marching or walking entries over the age of eighteen, as well as parade safety professionals such as police, fire, and ambulance.

All bicyclists, skateboarders, rollerbladers/in-line skaters, and motorcyclists in the parade **MUST** wear helmets.

All participants are subject to all municipal, provincial, and federal laws and/or by-laws. Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited.

Sirens will only be used by **EMERGENCY VEHICLES** that must leave the parade to attend to an emergency.

Drivers and other persons on all entries must have a means of rapid escape in the event of an emergency.

All entries must be responsible for ensuring that the design and operation of their float/entry is safe and reliable. The driver must remember at all times that there are passengers on board and their safety is a top priority.





FLOATS

Decorations: The Canada Day Parade Committee will be enforcing the 75% decorated clause, and will refuse entry to those unsuitably decorated floats, vehicles, and/or units which, in his/her/their opinion, would constitute a hazard to the safety of the parade, or is otherwise unsuitable. Groups must decorate in the theme of Abbotsford's Canada Day with a focus on incorporating multiculturalism, diversity, accessibility, inclusiveness, and sustainability.

Pace of Floats: A distance of 20 feet (6 m) must be maintained between parade units. Forward motion must be maintained. Obey parade marshals at intersections. Please avoid any unnecessary gaps.

Fire Safety: Smoking and fires are not permitted on or near floats. The Fire Department may inspect all floats and decorated units. A 5 lb 2A10BC Dry Chemical Fire Extinguisher must be on all float entries. No combustible materials near exhaust or hot areas, and no open flames are permitted on floats.

All floats and vehicles are subject to safety inspections to ensure they are safe to use in the marshalling area prior to the start of the parade.

Participants will not mount/dismount from floats for the duration of the parade.

If participants will be standing on their float, they must wear a safety harness attached to the framework of the float. Seated participants must wear a seatbelt or have strong hand-holds. In special cases, the parade committee may authorize the use of railings around the perimeter of the float deck. Such railings must be of solid construction with top and intermediate rails. The top rail should be a minimum of 36 inches above the float deck.

Floats/vehicles must be able to safely accommodate the number of chosen to ride, including adequate room to move around or handholds for everyone.

Disbandment: All floats, after having completed the parade route, will disperse in the assigned dispersal area. It is imperative the dispersal officials' and parade staff's directions be followed. Disbandment occurs at W.J. Mouat Secondary School on Mouat Drive at the end of the parade route. Specific instructions on disbanding will be provided closer to the event date. Vehicles must be road worthy, in accordance with the BC Motor Vehicle Act, upon departure from the dispersal area. Floats and vehicle entries need to go back to their place of business/organization/storage space/home after the parade.

