

Welcome to 2022 Canada Day Parade!

- ✚ **Entries must be decorated with family and all-age appropriate decorations, that are suitable for all audiences.**
- ✚ The Canada Day Parade is an annual event held on July 1 and is hosted by the City of Fort St. John. With the 100 Street Construction, the parade starts at the Recreation Campus (North Peace Arena Parking lot) on 96 Avenue, travels North on 98 Street goes East on 108 Avenue, and returns back south to the Recreation Campus via 96 Street. Registered floats will marshal in the North Peace Arena Parking lot, and large trucks can park in the south lane of 96 Avenue, facing a West Direction.

There will be congestion in the North Peace Arena parking lot. Please follow the instructions listed below and view the attached map. Please note that **100 St from 93 to 96 Ave will be closed at 8:30am for the Classic Cruiser's Car Show**. Ensure to plan route to the North Peace Arena, marshalling area located at 9805 96 Ave, accordingly. **Please come into the Recreation Campus from 96 Ave and 96 Street.**

- ❖ **MARSHALLING AREA:** Arrive at 10 am at the North Peace Arena (see the attached map) with areas for walkers, horses, floats, vehicles and large semi-trucks. Large Semi-trucks will park in the left lane and line up facing west on 96 Avenue, leaving the right lane open for emergency access. Smaller floats will line up. The Parade Marshall is Keith McKinley. There will be staff and volunteers giving directions to participants.
- ❖ **PERSONAL PARKING:** Please consider car-pooling or getting dropped off. Parking is limited (in front of the Curling Rink or in front of the Pomeroy Sport Centre). There is No Parking in the North Peace Arena, Kids Arena Field House or back of the Pomeroy Sport Centre; these areas are for parade floats and parade vehicle participants.
- ❖ **DROP OFF:** Dropping of children for a float? Please park in the curling rink parking lot and instruct for them to walk over to the North Peace Arena Parking lot. **There is no drop off zone nearby.** The marshalling area becomes congested and there is not sufficient space to accommodate parking spaces for participants. Please follow direction of traffic control persons, staff, and volunteers.
- ❖ **SPACING:** During the parade, maintain pace and ensure space between floats is adequate and avoid large gaps.
- ❖ **WALKERS:** If walkers fall behind the parade procession or decide to discontinue walking, please move out of the way and allow the next group to pass to avoid from floats being held-up in the parade.
- ❖ **ANIMALS:** Must be under the control of their handlers at all times.
- ❖ **The Horse Trailer and Truck can be parked on the North Side of the Kids Arena Fieldhouse, shown in diagram.**

- ❖ **HANDING OUT CANDY:** Please only hand out treats through the use of walkers. For the safety of all individuals, **DO NOT THROW OBJECTS OR CANDY FROM FLOAT.** When this happens, children are drawn out onto the road and it encourages participants to advance and cross path into the parade route. Drivers are not always able to see directly in front of their large vehicles. Soliciting is not permitted.
- ❖ **START TIME 11 am.** Please be ready for 11 am and wait for instructions from the Parade Marshall
- ❖ **END** If there is no reason to drop riders off from float, continue going south on 96 St. If you have people to dismount from the float, turn west onto 96 Ave and dismounting will occur behind the Pomeroy Sport Centre (PSC) in the parking lot **QUICKLY** and drivers exit out the front of the PSC onto 93 Avenue, or go behind the Pomeroy, to the east exit of the Recreation Campus.
- ❖ Parents that are parked away from de-marshalling zone can walk in and pick up their children. Staff and volunteers will be reminding parade participants to dismount quickly.

These rules apply to ALL entries

1. Your completed signed and/or electronically submitted application form is your acceptance, on behalf of your entry and all your entry's participants, of all Canada Day Parade rules and regulations.
2. The City of Fort St. John assumes no responsibility in connection with and makes no representation as to safety of any parade entry, in whole or in part, solely by reason of compliance with Canada Day Parade rules and regulations.
3. The safety lies with each individual entry. Entries must comply with all Canada Day Parade rules and regulations as well as comply with all government regulations, safety codes, recommendations, and similar standards.
4. Canada Day Parade Officials determine location of all entries in the parade and the entry must maintain that position throughout the parade.
5. Canada Day Parade Officials will reject any entry on parade day that does not meet the regulations or conform to the description on their parade application.
6. All instructions of Canada Day Parade Officials must be obeyed. Failure to do so will result in removal from the parade. Safety is our priority.
7. Canada Day Parade Officials reserve the right to remove any entry, at any time, because of safety concerns, or interference with the parade's progress.
8. The Canada Day Parade is a community event and therefore inappropriate music (profanity/swearing/degrading, etc.) or attire unsuitable for viewing by our family audience is not acceptable.
9. The use of horns, noisemakers or band practice is forbidden near animals (i.e Horses).
10. All entries pertaining to music must have appropriate sound systems and must be appropriate for all audiences.

11. Blowing of horns, sirens and playing loud music will only be allowed during parade times and must be kept to a reasonable level. Do not honk horns, or use sirens around horses and other animals.
12. Decorations must be appropriately, and safely attached to the vehicles and trailers.
13. All vehicles must be in good mechanical condition and properly serviced prior to the parade. Special attention must be paid to cooling systems, exhaust systems, brakes, steering and tires.
14. Drivers and other persons on all entries must have a means of quick and safe escape in case of an emergency.
15. All entries are inspected on the parade line-up, for safety and content approvals. Any entry not meeting the safety requirements, not family friendly or socially acceptable will be removed from the parade.
16. All groups using animals of any type in the parade are asked to help clean-up after their animals. There will be a City vehicle on-site to assist. All animals must be on a leash, be in control of handler, and have proper and reasonable shelter/access from weather and to food/water.
17. Alcohol and other controlled substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on any parade participant, to include during marshalling and the parade. Participants who consume alcohol or other controlled substances prior to parade start are not permitted to enter and will be removed from the parade.
18. For safety reasons, participants shall not mount/dismount from entries unless the entry has come to a complete stop.
19. In case of an emergency please follow the direction of the on-site safety personnel.

Regulations for floats:

20. Float Structure Requirements and Restrictions: Height Restriction - maximum of 14 feet in height.

21. Float Mechanical Requirements and Restrictions:

- a. All towing vehicles must be in good mechanical order
- b. All towing vehicles must have safety chains between the pulling unit and the float
- c. Tires must have the proper amount of air and be in good condition
- d. Brakes and pulling capacity must be checked prior to the parade
- e. Brakes, steering and headlights must be in good working order

23. Safety Requirements and Restrictions:

- a. No sharp projections, which might result in injury, should be used as a prop or in the construction of any float entry.
- b. Open-flame items are not permitted on floats
- c. Generators on floats are permitted and must be placed a safe distance from hay combustible or flammable materials.

24. Decorating and Music Requirements and Restrictions:

- a. All participants, including drivers, should be festively attired.
- b. All float entries are required to be clean and a minimum of **80% decorated** to include all sides of the entry, tow vehicle and trailer parts, if possible.
- c. Decorations must be appropriately attached to the vehicle and trailer.
- d. Our parades are family friendly and socially conscious. Any float, decorations that are deemed inappropriate by parade organizers, will be asked to be removed or will not be allowed to participate.

PARADE SCHEDULE

Road Closures -- 100 St (93-96, 94, 95 Ave Closed) 8:30am

-- Roads closed starting at 9am

-- Main Roadway detour intersections 10:45am closed

Float Marshalling/Information – 10:00-10:45am

Safety Inspections – 10:45am

Parade Start Time– 11:00am

(Expected duration of parade) – 45 minutes to 1 hour.

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES TO KNOW

- Parade: July 1, 2022 10:30 am- 1:00 pm.
- Parade Application Deadline: June 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

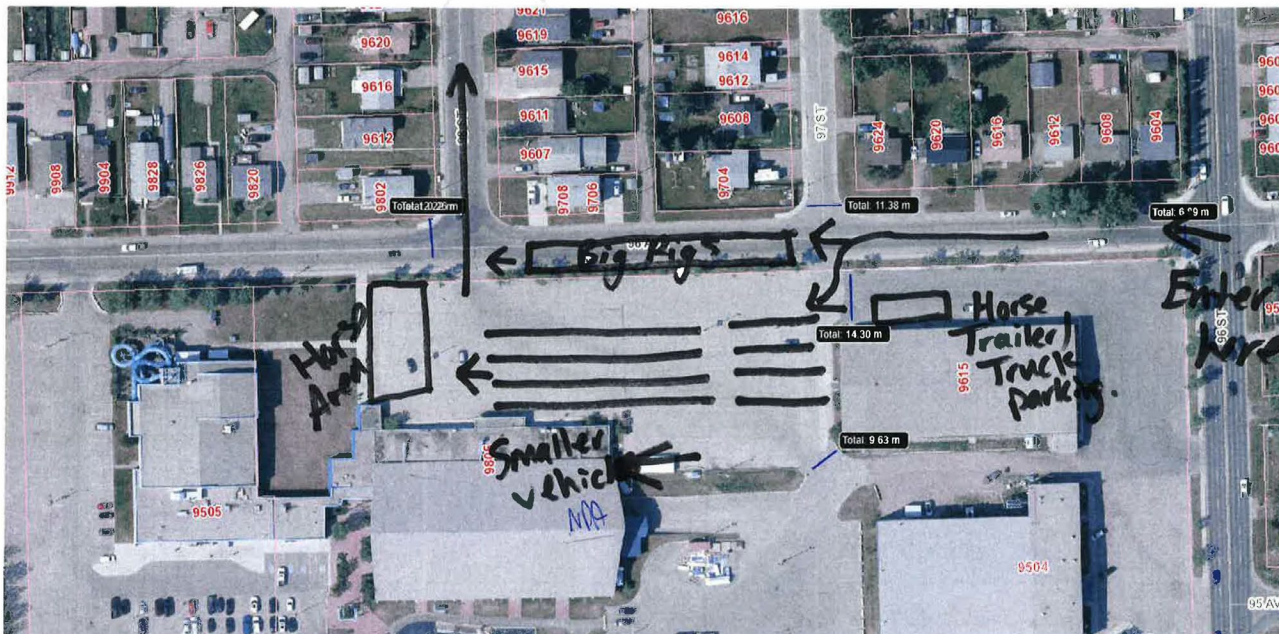


Diagram 1. Marshalling Zone Lay-out before Parade.

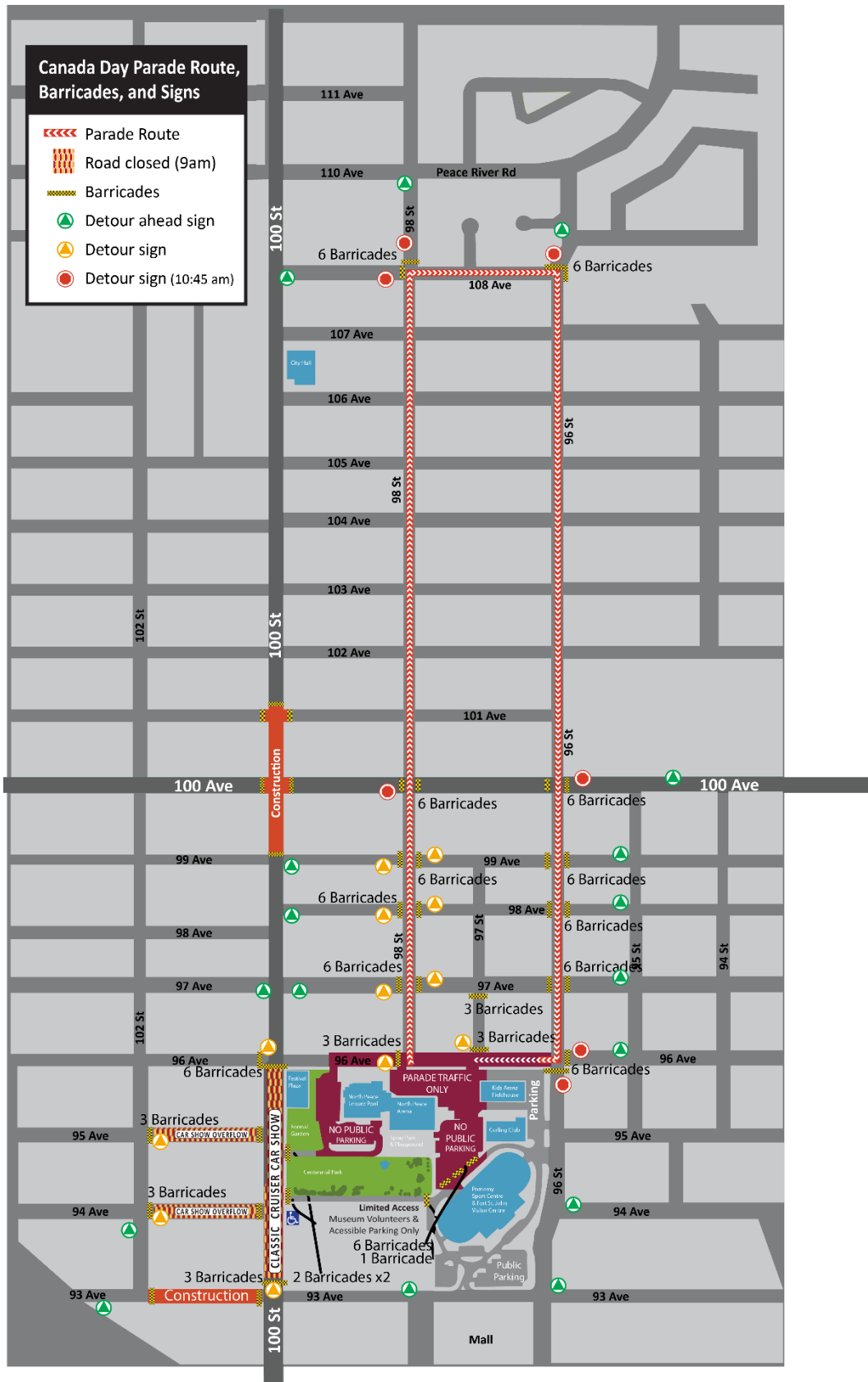


Diagram 2. Parade Route and Closure Information.

Thank-you so much for being a part of the 2022 Canada Day Parade Celebrations! We are so excited to host an in-person Parade again! We appreciate your dedication and hard work that you are putting forward to making this a fun, and exciting event for our community.

Have a wonderful summer. Be safe, and have fun! Feel free to reach out with any questions, please do so before Thursday July 30.

Sincerely,

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