

KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON DEC. 3 AT THE SHIPYARDS

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER, BC – NOV. 21, 2022 – The City’s annual Spirit of the Season Festival returns on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 3-7 p.m. at The Shipyards. The community is invited to witness the lighting of the holiday tree, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and enjoy live music, skating and entertainment under dazzling holiday lights.

“People always tell me how much they love the Shipyards, especially at this time of year when it dons twinkle lights and supports holiday festivities,” said Mayor Linda Buchanan. “The Shipyards was designed to bring people together. I encourage everyone to go for a skate, come admire the Christmas tree, visit our local vendors, grab a warm drink, or sit by one of our public outdoor fire pits. I hope you get into the spirit with us down at the Shipyards. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!”

The City of North Vancouver is proud to sponsor this free, all-ages, family friendly event that will offer activities presented by community organizations including The Museum of North Vancouver (MONOVA), North Vancouver City Library, Family Services North Shore, Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Area and the Rotary Club of Lions Gate.

An Evening of Entertainment and Interactive Fun

The Spirit of The Season Festival will kick off with an entrance from Santa and Mrs. Claus, followed by an Indigenous welcome ceremony and blessing at 3:00 p.m. from Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. After a performance from the Eagle Song Dancers, Mayor Buchanan will light the holiday tree.

Other activities include:

- Free hot chocolate and a variety of food trucks
- Holiday artisan market at the Pipe Shop
- Musical performance by the Ridgeway School Band
- Ice skating performance by Le Patin Libre
- Contemporary dance routines by Perform Arts and Method of Modern Movement
- Roaming seasonal characters, including Disney’s Anna and Elsa
- Carson Graham Secondary Vocal Jazz Choir
- Casey Thomas-Burns Christmas Quartet Jazz Group

Details and full timeline for the event are available at cnv.org/spiritoftheseason.

Winter at The Shipyards

Visit The Shipyards all season long for more events and activities, and explore the amazing views the waterfront offers. Stay updated on what's happening by checking the calendar at cnv.org/shipyardswinter.

About The Shipyards

The City of North Vancouver's award-winning public waterfront and social heart of the community, The Shipyards features restaurants, cafes, shops and services, a boutique hotel, space for community events, concerts and markets, plus the region's largest outdoor skating rink in the winter and a splash park in the summer.

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