



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### **Celebrate Canada Day at the Alberta Legislature**

EDMONTON – The biggest Canada Day party in the province is at the Alberta Legislature, and everyone is invited! On July 1 visitors will explore history, culture, powerful and thought-provoking exhibitions, educational and interactive spaces and discover free all-ages music and dance entertainment from noon to 9 p.m.

“I invite all Albertans to spend Canada Day at the Alberta Legislature for history, culture and free family entertainment,” said the Honourable Nathan Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “What better place to celebrate heritage and pride in our nation than at our province’s centre of democracy! Here visitors will learn about the Legislative Assembly in dynamic and interactive ways and walk the floor of the Chamber, where their provincial representatives work.”

#### **CANADA DAY PROGRAMMING**

##### **Welcome Ceremony (Noon to 12:30 p.m.)**

The celebrations kick off at noon on the front steps of the Legislature Building, with welcome remarks by Speaker Cooper, the singing of *O Canada* by soprano Cara Lianne McLeod and words from our province’s leaders. It will close with a performance by celebrated three-time world champion hoop dancer and electronic dance music producer Dallas Arcand (DJ KZK).

##### **Legislature Building Open House (12:30 to 5 p.m.)**

The Alberta Legislature Building will be open for visitors to enjoy the iconic architecture, experience the acoustic phenomenon known as the “magic spot”, visit the Legislature Library to see the famous 50-year-old Legislature hamburger and walk the Chamber floor, an honour reserved for visitors only on Canada Day.

##### **Alberta Family Fun Zone (12:30 to 5 p.m.)**

The Alberta Family Fun Zone on the south grounds will bustle with the activity of roving performers, circus activities, crafts, Indigenous interpretive experiences and more.

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### **Alberta Diversity Stage (1 to 5 p.m.)**

The Alberta Diversity stage will be located at the Legislature's south bandshell and highlight the richness of our province's cultural landscape through a variety of dance performances featuring the quick steps of La Girandole, the thoughtful interpretations of Kehewin Native Dance Theatre and more.

### **Alberta Discovered Stage (12:30 to 9 p.m.)**

The Alberta Discovered stage, located on Capital Plaza, will present some of Alberta's best music, including the blues of Kat Dancer, the African rhythms of Mbira Renaissance Band and the gritty country sounds of event headliner The Dungarees to name a few.

### **Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)**

The Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre, on Capital Plaza, features the Agora Interpretive Centre, where kids of all ages can dress up like the Speaker or the Sergeant-at-Arms and learn about active citizenship; the Alberta Branded store, which focuses on Alberta-made wares and currently features works from 10 Alberta artists in the showcase Influence/Confluence; the Pehonan Theatre, offering the 4-D *Our People Our Province*; and the Borealis Gallery, which is currently showing *Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools*, a travelling exhibition by the Legacy of Hope Foundation about the history and consequences of the residential school system on indigenous communities.

### **GETTING TO THE ALBERTA LEGISLATURE GROUNDS**

Public transportation is recommended as parking will not be available near the Legislature Grounds. A free bicycle lock up, located off 107th Street, will be available courtesy of the Bike Edmonton Society.

For additional event details please visit [assembly.ab.ca/canadaday](http://assembly.ab.ca/canadaday).

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