

CENTENNIAL SUMMER EVENTS 2025

“Hot Fun in the Summertime”

Young lady swings to the Port United Band's beat during the Port Union Community Summer Concert Series sponsored by the CCRA.

Motivated by rhythms from the band and joy of the evening, she and many others joined in spontaneous outdoor dancing at the Port Union Community Centre square.



By Don Lawrence
Summer Concert Series

Over three consecutive Sundays in July, hundreds of music lovers and neighbourhood attendees brought lawn chairs and their best dance moves to the Port Union Community Centre.

Hosted by CCRA, these free, annual outdoor Summer Concerts featured a lineup of talented artists performing across multiple genres. The event featured a lineup of beloved classic tunes, complemented by yummy food and a friendly, sociable atmosphere. Friends and neighbours mingled between sets, and the whole series proved to be a perfect way to unwind on a warm summer evening.

These spirited musicians featured local group **Fossil Fire** who rocked the house July 6 with their classic '70s, '80s and '90s covers. July 13 was a new group, **The Swing Junkies**, who had the crowd swaying to smooth vocals and instrumental vibes. On July 20, when perennial favourites **Port United Band** started performing, the crowd could not stay in their seats and danced the night away.



“Enjoying the music of Fossil Fire on a beautiful summer evening with good friends. It doesn't get any better!”

Karen Heino



Top row left to right: Karen Heino brought her own lawn chair. Listening to music on the Port Union Recreation Centre hill.

Second row left to right: Swing Junkies vocalist and trumpet player Barry Sears. Mr. Snooks, sitting in his car had a good view of the band. Barb and Sandy having a blast dancing together on the outdoor patio.

Third row left to right: Classic rock band Fossil Fire singer Aneela Dias-D'Sousa. Richard Bacon playing bass guitar. Gail and Big Al enjoying the classic songs. Line dancing is always popular. Singer Leona De Souza of the Port United Band thrilled the audience.



“Had a blast dancing to Port United Band at Port Union Community Centre - was perfectly pleasurable!”

Sandy & Barb



Photo credit: Michelle Gonsalves

Port Union Waterfront Festival

On the first day of summer, June 21, large crowds gathered near the Port Union Village Common for a special day of fun. It was a resounding success.

There were lots of activities to entertain the younger crowd at the waterfront park. Not only the bouncy castles and a climbing wall but face painting and a dip in the water feature kept them busy. Add a few sweet treats to the day and the children were happy.

There were plenty of options for drinks and eating, including a BBQ. The park was bursting at the seams with more than 40 vendors and displays from local businesses and organizations. The face painting tent was popular and who could resist trying to pop the giant soap bubbles jiggling between the makers' wands. All afternoon the main stage featured a variety of bands and highland dancers which drew appreciative audiences.

And how did the Mad Scientist, sponsored by CCRA, make those crazy concoctions?

Thank you for joining us for some hot fun in the summertime. And many hats off to the volunteers who cheerfully help make everything work. We are an amazing community and are so lucky to have these events here in Centennial.



Sebastian, 9 years old, said his strategy to climb the wall is “Stay calm and keep climbing and never give up!”

Sebastian



Top row: 43 Division officers in all terrain vehicles crossing the water feature. A variety of bouncy castles had kids lined up to enter them. Kids couldn't resist popping the giant soap bubbles

Bottom: Sebastian gets ready to challenge the climbing wall. (Photo by his mom)



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