



## **GORGE CANADA DAY PICNIC CANCELLED FOR 2020**

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Saanich, BC - Given recent comments by the BC Provincial Health Officer around expectations for this coming summer, it is not expected that the March 16, 2020 BC Public Health Order on 'Mass Gatherings' restricting events and gatherings to 50 people will be lifted. In addition, a 'Vending Merchandise at Markets' order was issued on April 16, 2020 that restricted vending markets to selling take-out food only, no goods, and no on site consumption. While both the public gathering and the vendor markets order expires on May 30th, it would seem likely that those orders will be renewed and remain in place for the foreseeable future.

The Gorge Canada Day Picnic has been running since 1999. Chris Kask, the Chair of the Organizing Committee says, "We will miss welcoming the 10,000+ people that come out for day in our beautiful neighbourhood along the closed down Gorge Road with a fantastic backdrop of the Gorge Waterway. The Pancake Breakfast, canoe rides, 26 food trucks, Canada Day Market, Gorge on Art, Classic Car Show, and four entertainment stages will surely be missed this coming July 1st . The Gorge Tillicum Community Association would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported this event for the past 21 years, especially the neighbours, the sponsors, the volunteers, and the District of Saanich and Government of Canada. We look forward to showing off our neighbourhood in 2021!"

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