



Public Service Announcement

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ROYAL PARTY SOUGHT FOR PORT COQUITLAM MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Do your children want to take a lead role in Port Coquitlam's 89th annual May Day celebrations? The City of Port Coquitlam is accepting applications for the traditional May Day Royal Party until Feb. 10.

Selected through a random draw, the May Day Royal Party consists of Flower Girls from Grades 1 and 2, and Princesses and Lancers (similar to a knight) from Grades 4 and 5.

Royal Party duties include participating in:

- Hip hop dance practices – beginning Feb. 24, 4-5:30 p.m. each Friday at the Port Coquitlam Rec Complex (except spring break and Good Friday)
- May Day Selection Tea – April 3
- Dress rehearsal (day and time to be announced)
- May Day Banquet and Opening Ceremonies – May 4, 5:30 to 9 p.m.
- May Day Parade with the City float, followed by the May Day Luncheon – May 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mother's Day Picnic (optional) – May 13, 8:30 a.m. to noon

This year's May Queen and Ambassador will be randomly selected from among the Princesses and Lancers at the Selection Tea April 3.

The tradition of May Day royalty in Port Coquitlam dates back to 1923, when the City crowned its first May Queen and began celebrating May Day each year.

Over the years, the festival has grown into a week-long community celebration that includes May Pole dancing, the Rotary May Day Parade, outdoor concerts, heritage and art events, displays, carnival rides and other activities. This year's festival runs from May 4 to May 13.

For more information or to apply online, visit www.portcoquitlam.ca/mayday. Printed applications are also available at City Hall and recreation facilities. The application deadline is Feb. 10.

For more information, contact Shelly Alford at royalparty@portcoquitlam.ca.

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