



CP CANADA 150 TRAIN PROGRAM INFORMATION

In recognition of Canada's 150th birthday, CP invites communities to come together and celebrate. Just as the railway connected Canada, the CP Canada 150 Train events will reconnect all generations of Canadians through shared stories of the country's past; acknowledging heroes and leaders of today; and building optimism for the future.

Building a railway to build a nation

Canada's confederation on July 1, 1867 brought four provinces together: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec. Soon, Manitoba joined confederation (1870) and British Columbia was enticed to join the new confederation in 1871 – on one condition: the construction of a transcontinental railway.

Canadian Pacific Railway was founded in 1881 to connect Canada's populated centres with the vast potential of its relatively unpopulated West. This incredible engineering feat was completed on November 7, 1885, when the eastern and western tracks of the CPR met at Craigellachie, B.C., the location of the last spike.

Whether by ship, train or plane, the CPR had Canada covered

In 1883, three CPR employees came across hot springs on Sulphur Mountain, near modern day Banff. At the urging of the CPR, Prime Minister Sir John A. MacDonald decided to set aside a small reserve around the hot springs as a public park. The Rocky Mountain Parks Act, enacted on June 23, 1887, significantly expanded the boundaries of the park and renamed it Rocky Mountains Park. This became Canada's first national park.

Around this same time, CPR president Sir William Van Horne envisioned a series of grand hotels across Canada to draw wealthy visitors to the railway. The Banff Springs Hotel opened in 1888 in the national park and proved such a popular destination among the rich, the Chateau Lake Louise opened shortly after in 1890. This model of opulent hotels located in some of Canada's most picturesque locations would be more familiarly recognized as today's Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Inc.

CPR grew to become what many considered the 'world's greatest travel company' and included steamships, telegraphs, and Canadian Pacific Airlines or CP Air. During WWI and WWII, all of CPR's resources were commandeered to assist with the war effort. Millions of Canadian soldiers and munitions were transported by CPR trains, ships and planes, and war armaments were produced in rail shops across the country. CP-made artillery can be found today in museums around the world.

In 1968 these diverse transportation interests were divided into subsidiaries CP Rail, CP Ships, CP Transport and CP Air. Over 30 years later, in 2001, CP Rail returned to its core business of railroading while all unrelated business division became separate business entities, many to grow into some of Canada's most well-known companies: Fairmont Hotels & Resorts; EnCana; and Teck Cominco as examples.

Bringing our past to the present

The first transcontinental passenger train left Montreal for Port Moody on June 28, 1886.

On July 28, 2017, Canadian Pacific will launch the CP Canada 150 Train, to make a reverse tour of its first transcontinental passenger trip over 130 years ago. Traveling west to east over a three week period, the CP Canada 150 Train will visit 13 Canadian towns and cities beginning July 28 in Port Moody, BC, reaching Montreal, QC on August 13, and completing its tour August 20 in the nation's capital.

CP's history as a nation-builder is forever linked with the history of Canada's confederation, and our success as a strong and prosperous country. CP is immensely proud of this history, and we are excited to celebrate the contributions the railway and its workers have made to Canada since 1881.

Share your story – and win!

As each tie was laid with the building of the railway, the story of Canada was being written and family legacies of the first railroaders were beginning to take form. As Canada turns 150, we want to hear your railroad legacy. Help us showcase the role the railway played in defining a nation of proud Canadian communities and families. From stories of sacrifice, bravery, ingenuity, even romance, we want to hear it all.

Authors of the two most compelling true short stories will win the experience of a lifetime including a two day, two night, all-expense paid trip aboard the CP Canada 150 Train, with five-star hospitality from the Royal Canadian Pacific for you and a guest. Visit cpr.ca to enter. Contest closes July 31, 2017.

Bury

Celebrate with us

Each CP Canada 150 Train event will run approximately three hours and will feature:

Heritage train

The CP Canada 150 Train will include the Royal Canadian Pacific heritage cars (1917-1931). These cars are historical treasures and have hosted some of Canada’s – and the world’s – most influential minds including Canadian author Pierre Berton; Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip (pre-coronation); hockey legend Maurice “Rocket” Richard; then senator J.F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline; and Canada’s first prime minister Sir John A. Macdonald.

The cars will be powered by CP1401, an F unit model, among the most popular and recognizable diesel locomotives of all time. F unit locomotives were produced during a time when steam locomotives were the standard. F units were first intended for freight service with passenger service as a secondary function. They quickly demonstrated their usefulness in both services and CP’s units were specially adapted to make them fully capable of passenger service as well as freight. F units were the model responsible for making diesels the new standard, securing the replacement of steam engines.

All event guests are welcome to take photos of the train as our exclusive event backdrop.

Concert

At the heart of each event is CP’s stage car. It is from this venue guests will be treated to truly Canadian music and performances. Distinct community leaders will start the performance with a welcome to the crowd. Dallas Arcand, champion Aboriginal hoop dancer, will share his talent on stage and begin the musical component of the performance. He will be followed by Juno award-winning country music singer Dean Brody. As the train travels across the country, special local guests may also join performers on stage.

Family friendly activities

This family friendly event has something for Canadians of all ages. Complimentary treats will keep guests satisfied as they travel the event grounds learning about the history of CP and its role in connecting Canada. Photographers will enjoy a fun photo wall featuring a re-creation of a celebrated scene from Canada’s history, merging past and present. Photos can be shared online using the hashtag #ConnectingCanada. And kids of all ages can get crafty and design their very own conductor’s hat as a memento of the day.

Spirit of Tomorrow car

A highlight at each stop is the opportunity to take part in decorating a special railcar named the *Spirit of Tomorrow*. Children are invited to write (with the help of their parents!) their hopes for the Canada of tomorrow on a commemorative card. Each will be affixed upon the railcar and as the CP Canada 150 Train makes its journey across the country, the Spirit of Tomorrow will come alive. The completed Spirit of Tomorrow car will be included in CP’s 2017 Holiday Train program.

CP Little General mini train

Don’t miss your chance to check out CP’s miniature train – it’s a ¼ scale model of a General Electric AC4400 locomotive. Our mini train might steal the show as it winds its way through the crowd, hosting passengers of all sizes. Riders must complete waivers before boarding and participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Locations to be announced soon.

Tour locations and dates

Port Moody

Friday, July 28 | 3:00-6:00pm
Port Moody Recreation Complex soccer fields, 300 Ioco Road

Revelstoke

Saturday, July 29 | 3:00-6:00pm
CP Revelstoke Yard, 420 Victoria Rd.

Calgary

Sunday, July 30 | 3:00-6:00pm
Anderson C-Train station, south parking lot

Edmonton

Monday, July 31 | 5:00-8:00pm
South of CP Edmonton Yard, 7935 Gateway Blvd.

Saskatoon

Tuesday, August 1 | 5:00-8:00pm
William A. Reid Park, 319 Pendergrasse Rd.

Regina

Wednesday, August 2 | 5:00-8:00pm
Mosaic Stadium parking lot on Railway St.

Winnipeg

Friday, August 4 | 5:00-8:00pm
Southdale Community Centre, 254 Lakewood Blvd

Thunder Bay

Sunday, August 6 | 3:00-6:00pm
Marina Park, Bobby Curtola Dr.

Sudbury

Tuesday, August 8 | 5:00-8:00pm
Sudbury Train Station, 233 Elgin St.

Hamilton

Wednesday, August 9 | 5:00-8:00pm
Gage Park, 1000 Main Street E

Toronto

Friday, August 11 | 5:00-8:00pm
CP Lambton Yard, 750 Runnymede Rd.

Montreal

Sunday, August 13 | 3:00-6:00pm
Location coming soon!

Ottawa

Sunday, August 20 | 3:00-6:00pm
VIA Rail Station, 200 Tremblay Rd



Artist on board

Dean Brody
Award-winning country music musician

Jaffray, B.C.- born, singer Dean Brody has approached country-music-superstar status. He is now an arena touring act, with thirteen Canadian Country Music Awards and two Junos under his studded belt – closing out the 2016 CCMA Awards with four awards for his platinum-selling single, “Bring Down the House” and the most recent Juno win occurring in April for Country Album of the Year for his latest release, Gypsy Road.

In 2016 Brody took a series of worthwhile risks with “Bring Down the House,” which reached gold after only eight weeks on the charts, rang in at number one on the Country Music Television charts and earned the title and award for number-one-selling digital Canadian country single of all-time. In a similar vein, the forthcoming album will continue keep listeners on the edge of their seats, unable to be sure of what is coming next.

Following an explosive season of performances at summer festivals, Brody has released his sixth album, Beautiful Freakshow. Just as the title of the album indicates, the new record is a fascinating mashup of Brody’s range of musical preferences, best epitomized by the title track, “Beautiful Freakshow”, which features a rap vocal contribution by Halifax native, Shevy Price. From the pop-meets-country vibe of “Bush Party” (released this summer, and the #1 Most Added Single at the time of release), to a touching reggae song called “Beautiful Girl” with echoes of traditional country, to the dynamic duet, “Little Blue Volkswagon” featuring Sarah Blackwood, to the foot-stomping, country feel of “Soggy Bottom Summer” featuring Alan Doyle, there is truly something for everyone on this record.

Brody first packed up to work with a Nashville-based music publisher in 2004, after landing a 2-year deal. When it didn’t work out, he headed back to Canada, taking shifts at the same sawmill he’d first worked at in high school until a call from Matt Rovey and a deal from Broken Bow Records called him back, culminating in his releasing a self-titled album in 2008. The result was a roaring hit: In particular, his single “Brothers” made a massive impact, landing in the U.S. top 30, Canadian top 10, taking home the 2009 CCMA award for Single of the Year and receiving an official certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Army for his song’s contribution to the Armed Forces.

In addition to uplifting people with his music, Brody was so moved by the story of one young girl he met while travelling, that he set up The Dean Brody Foundation to physically help in the rescue and prevention of young girls being exploited in child prostitution and human trafficking in Brazil and around the world.

www.deanbrody.com
Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @deanbrody



Artist on board

Dallas Arcand
Entertainer – Entrepreneur – World Champion



Dallas Arcand is a self-sufficient Entrepreneur from Edmonton and a registered member of the Alexander First Nation, Alberta. As an innovative, creative and diverse businessman for the past 25 years, he has delved into everything from dancing, traditional flutist, business development & ownership, motivational speaking and the culture/history. Arcand’s journey to independence began in his earlier years when he used to roam the streets of Edmonton. This sometimes led to trouble with the law and the lesson of consequence. A brief incarceration began his healing journey to self-empowerment.

In 2002, Dallas worked his last day job and pursued his dreams to become an independent artist and entrepreneur; in which he was allotted the opportunity to share the Hoop dance and perform in Tarragona, Spain for Port Aventura Universal Studios Mediterranea. Arcand prides himself on being faced with and succeeding in completing his education while his Hoop Dance career gained momentum and called on more of his time. Despite these challenges, Dallas still pushed to complete his schooling at the Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He graduated with a Behavioral Sciences Diploma and later became a three-time World Champion Hoop Dancer.

After years of travelling around the world performing, entertaining, making music and operating as one of the most successful artist in the business, Arcand decided to go full circle and move back to his community of the Alexander First Nations. Shortly after settling and connecting with the community, he began to observe his surroundings only to see the need and potential for infrastructure, programming, community wellness, and economic development. In 2016, with the help of a few family members and friends they started a mobile café business called the Silver Bullet Gourmet Café.

Immediately the community responded positively to the newly opened café, and there was also support from outside. Off-reserve people expressed their support and interest regarding the Café. Arcand is committed to the innovation and wellbeing of his community and his fellow members. He believes and lives by sharing his skills and offering services to help improve and enhance a better quality of life on the Alexander First Nations. Arcand whole-heartedly believes that we can all inspire other one another into realizing and living our entrepreneurial power. It’s the path to true independence.

www.aboriginalentertainment.com
Facebook: (Dallas Arcand) or (SilverBulletCafe)
Twitter & Instagram: @dallasarcand1

Contact CP

Program Management

Melanie Sortland, Director Sponsorships & Events
403-319-3892 | Melanie_Sortland@cpr.ca

Event Logistics & Community Relations

Melissa Murray, Manager Community Affairs
403-319-6127 | Melissa_Murray@cpr.ca

Kevin Hrysak, Manager Business Car Operations
403-319-3277 | Kevin_Hrysak@cpr.ca

Media

Jeremy Berry, Director Media Relations
403-319-6227 | Jeremy_Berry@cpr.ca

www.cpr.ca

