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Water Department Designs Eye-Catching Water Fountain for Carving Competition

People at Frank James Park watching the carvers in action this Canada day weekend will likely notice another eye-catching feature. Using an old fire hydrant, the City's Water Department has designed and constructed a fountain for re-filling water bottles, which will be set up at the end of the sea walk for public use.

In an effort to make Canada Day celebrations as environmentally friendly as possible, the Canada Day Committee has been making a great effort to reduce the number of plastic bottles ending up in the trash. With the City's portable water kiosk booked for other events throughout the long weekend, an alternative solution had to be developed for the carving competition at Frank James Park.

"It's a great second life for a hydrant and was almost no cost to build, since it was created from an old hydrant that was slated for the scrap pile," said Water Maintenance Foreman Ed Travanut. *"We sandblasted and repainted the body to make it look less like a hydrant and then retrofitted the inside parts to have the fountain water lines running up through the hydrant body."*

The water bottle fountain will be set up at Frank James Park from June 29 until July 3. People enjoying the celebrations downtown on Canada Day can fill water bottles at the City's portable water kiosk at Ostler Park on July 1, at Dick Murphy Park on July 3 for Race the River, and at Spirit Square on July 4 for the BC Bike Race.

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