

News Release

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Lace up your dancing shoes! Free all-ages dance party for CR Live Streets finale

The 2019 CR Live Streets event series will bring a new sound downtown with a free open-air concert and all-ages dance party on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Dope Soda will bring their unique blend of ska, reggae, jazz, funk, dub and punk music to the streets that night, and people can expect a highly entertaining performance and lots of dancing.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30. Come early to get a good view of the band.

"Dope Soda's unique approach blends a fresh musical concoction to offer great dance beats and tuneful fun for everyone," says Linda Nagle, a recreation programmer for the City of Campbell River. "This musical event promises to surprise and expand what we can do with downtown festivities."

Dope Soda features six of the top jazz, rock, and Jamaican music inspired musicians from Vancouver Island, with frequent appearances in acts such as Current Swell, Jon & Roy, and Lovecoast. The band is led by a three-piece horn section with roots in the highly- regarded Vancouver Island University Jazz Department, buoyed by a funky rhythm section that serves up bubbling Hammonds and Wurlitzers, shots of distorted guitar, and heavy bass.

"An open-air concert and a chance to embrace the unexpected is a fitting close for an event series that brought downtown alive with art, music, and people having fun this summer," adds recreation programmer Karen Chappell. "We want to thank everyone who came out this summer, for their investment to CR Live Streets and our community."

Information about Dope Soda is available here: http://dopesoda.com/ and event information is available on our website: http://bit.ly/DopeSoda or on Facebook: http://bit.ly/FBSODA

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