

### June 26, 2025

# **CR Live Streets Returns for Another Summer of Free Downtown Events** This year's lineup will feature seven live events for all ages throughout July and August.

Mark your calendars and get ready to dance on Shoppers Row!

The City of Campbell River is thrilled to announce the return of its award-winning CR Live Streets summer event series — lighting up downtown with music, art, and community spirit every Wednesday evening from July 16 to August 27, 2025.

Join us on Shoppers Row, right in the heart of Campbell River's beautiful waterfront downtown, for free, family-friendly entertainment. From live performances and interactive art to delicious eats from local food trucks, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

#### What to Expect:

- Free Live music, dance, and art performances
- Food trucks and refreshments available for purchase
- Free bike valet service
- Free BC Transit rides from 5 p.m. until the last trip on all fixed routes

Presented by the City of Campbell River, in proud partnership with Tidemark Theatre and Highway 19 Concerts, CR Live Streets is more than just an event — it's a celebration of community.

"CR Live Streets brings people together in a fun, fresh outdoor setting and showcases downtown Campbell River as a destination," says Mayor Kermit Dahl. "It's one of the ways we're investing in downtown revitalization — drawing thousands to enjoy live music, explore local shops, and experience the best of what our city has to offer. We can't wait to welcome you!"

Here's a taste of what you can look forward to this summer:

• July 16: Caribbean Night — 6:30 p.m.

Get ready for an unforgettable night filled with the vibrant rhythms of the Caribbean! Caleb Hart teams up with Sonic Alley to bring energetic, feel-good sounds to Campbell River's downtown. With a lively performance that will have everyone moving to the music, this free event offers an exciting opportunity to experience Caribbean culture through song and dance. The evening also features an opening performance by Cheko Roots. Come down, let loose and enjoy the music! This event is licensed, and food trucks will be on site.

• July 23: Rockin' River Country Night — 6:30 p.m.

Get ready to kick up your boots for a fun-filled evening of music at Rockin' River Country Night! Featuring a performance by the electrifying country-rock sensation Orchard Sky and a special opening act by Doug Folkins, this free event is the perfect way to immerse yourself in country music. Whether you're a die-hard country fan or just love live music, this event promises something for everyone. This event is licensed, and food trucks will be on site.

• July 30: Latin Night — 6:30 p.m.

Let the lively Latin rhythms take over at Latin Night, featuring the incredible Orquesta Obatala! This free event invites everyone, from beginners to seasoned dancers, to join in and experience Latin music and dance. The Forbidden Dance Company will be on hand to teach some new moves and get everyone on the downtown dance floor – dancing partners are welcome but not needed! Enjoy the music, the dancing, and the community vibe. This event is licensed, and food trucks will be on site.

### • August 6: Art Attack on the Row — 5 p.m.

It's time to get creative and make some art with the community! This event invites everyone to join in on a collaborative art project while enjoying a chalk-art area, bouncy castles and other fun activities for the whole family. Whether you're an artist, want to explore your creative side or are just looking for some outdoor fun, this



event is all about enjoying the arts and being outside, together. This free, family-friendly event has a laid-back vibe, so come out and create some memories! Food trucks will be on site.

## • August 13: Back to the Fusion — 6:30 p.m.

Get ready for a throwback night with Astrocolor at Back to the Fusion! This vibrant event will transform Shoppers Row into a colourful, energetic dance party. Featuring the eclectic sounds of Astrocolor and opening act DJ Jennee Pleeze, this event is all about dancing, good vibes, and bright colours. Wear your most colourful attire, and be ready to dance! This event is licensed, and food trucks will be on site.

## • August 20: Swing Night — 6:30 p.m.

Transport yourself back in time at Swing Night, featuring Jen Hodge All Stars! Dress in your best vintage attire — poodle skirts, zoot suits, and all — for a night full of classic cars, swing music, and dancing. The Forbidden Dance Company will help you master the moves of the era, so whether you're new to swing or a seasoned dancer, you'll be able to get into the groove. Swing Night will have everyone dancing the night away. This event is licensed, and food trucks will be on site.

# • August 27: Music in the Night — CR Live Streets finale — 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the grand finale of the 2025 CR Live Streets event series with a performance from the popular band Hey Ocean! This free event will bring the community together to celebrate the best of the season. The night will kick off with pop duo Velavox, and then Hey Ocean! will bring their energetic brand of West Coast pop! Enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and celebration as we close out a memorable summer of live music and community events. This event is licensed, and food trucks will be on site.

CR Live Streets supports Council's strategic priority of downtown revitalization, bringing community members together downtown for evenings of entertainment throughout the summer.

There's lots more to look forward to in downtown Campbell River this summer, too — like line dancing, salsa dancing and swing dancing lessons; Art in the Square; and Yoga in the Park. The River Concerts Series, Lunch in the Square and Campbell River Farmers Market are also back and continuing all summer long. Join us downtown to enjoy these and other community celebrations this summer.

View the City's online Community Calendar at <u>campbellriver.ca/events</u> or follow the City at <u>facebook.com/cityofcampbellriver</u> for more information about CR Live Streets and other upcoming events.

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**Photo:** Caleb Hart with Sonic Alley will perform at Caribbean Night on July 16, 2025. (Photo provided by Sonic Alley.)

