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## **Burnaby hosts National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration**

Burnaby, BC – The City of Burnaby will celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day by highlighting the work of Indigenous artists, performers and storytellers with a community event at Civic Square on Friday, June 21.

“This month we recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples,” said Mayor Mike Hurley. “We are grateful to be able to learn from Indigenous Peoples, to witness and experience their vibrant cultures and languages, and to work together to foster deep and meaningful connections in our diverse city.”

The celebration of Indigenous culture will begin at 3pm at Civic Square (6100 Willingdon Ave) and will run until 7 pm, featuring a variety of performances that feature dance, modern and traditional music, spoken word, storytelling and artisans, including:

- Afro-Indigenous songwriter, music producer, and recording artist Sekawnee
- Traditional Salish song and dance performance by Tsatsu Stalqayu
- Singing/drumming/dance performance by Spakwus Slolem
- West Coast First Nations mask performance by Git Hayetsk Dancers
- Burnaby Art Gallery’s BAG on a Bike mobile printing station will be offering six custom commissioned plates by master carver Sweewa in collaboration with his apprentice, Michael Stanley
- Readings from award-winning author, William G. Lindsay
- Indigenous artisans, storytelling, drumming, games and more, including bannock!

The event is family friendly and free to attend. With a SkyTrain station nearby, residents are encouraged to leave their car at home and take transit or choose an active transportation option such as walking or cycling.

**Learn More:** [Burnaby.ca/IndigenousPeoplesDay](https://burnaby.ca/IndigenousPeoplesDay)