

Street Performers Program

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Objectives

Port Moody's *Street Performers Program* has been created with the following objectives:

- Animating specific areas of Port Moody with artistic performances
- Providing opportunities for young and established artists to showcase their craft
- Provide equal access and opportunity to all artists in the program
- Work with local organizations to provide suitable street performing sites

Performances

Street performers acknowledge that they are performing for a family audience and must refrain from the use of lewd or offensive conduct or language during their performance. Street performers must not undertake any act that could be considered a public nuisance such as the use of excessive noise, offensive language, or antisocial behaviour.

Donations and Sales

Street performers may receive donations for their performances but must not charge a minimum or a set fee for performances. Aggressive or persistent solicitation of donations is not permitted.

Musicians are permitted to sell recordings of their original work during their performance without any additional permits. No other sales are permitted.

Acceptable Types of Performances

Acceptable street performances include musicians, dancers, actors, jugglers, magicians, sidewalk chalk art, circus and theatrical.

The use of sharp or dangerous objects is prohibited (i.e., juggling fire, knives, etc – anything that pokes people).

Non-Acceptable Types of Performances

Non-acceptable street performances include, but not limited to face painting, balloon animal artist, portrait artists, painters, psychics, tarot card readers, crafts people or any person or artist who provides a service or produces a product.

For opportunities to produce and display arts and crafts, please see Port Moody's [Artists in the Park Program](#).

Amplification

Battery operated amplification approval is subject to the following conditions: selecting locations where your performance will not disturb those not watching your performance; keeping the volume at a reasonable level; and responding to the concerns of your neighbours. Amplification of instruments is permitted under the same conditions.

Permits

All street performers will require a permit to perform in Port Moody. A group of performers may apply for a single group permit so long as all group members are listed on the permit. Any individuals under a group permit who wish to perform independently must also apply for an individual permit.

Street performers under the age of 18 years must be present when applying and must also have a parent or guardian present, and that parent or guardian must co-sign the application form. In addition, street performers under the age of 16 years of age must have a responsible adult accompanying them at all times while performing.

Administration and revocation of permits is at the sole discretion of the City of Port Moody.

Street performers holding a valid Street Performer's permit will not require a business license for street performances.

Permit Period

All Street Performing permits issued will be valid until the end of the calendar year in which they are issued. A new permit is required each year.

How to Apply for a Permit

Complete the [Street Performers Application](#) form available from the Port Moody website – www.portmoody.ca/performers. To complete the permit application process, you will need:

- A link to YouTube or website that includes a sample of your performance
- A permit fee of \$36.50 (cash or cheque – cheque made out to the City of Port Moody)

What Happens After I Submit an Application?

After you submit your complete application, it will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the City's Arts and Culture Committee. You will be notified by email if your application has been accepted. If accepted, you may choose to have your permit mailed to you or you may pick it up directly at Port Moody City Hall. The permit application process can take up to three weeks.

Location and Times

Performance spots and times are not reserved. If you arrive at a location and someone is already performing there, please find another location and/or return at a later time. You must ensure that doorways, window displays, sidewalks/walkways or pedestrians are not blocked by you or your audience, at all times.

Locations and Performance Duration

The following is a list of permitted street performing locations in Port Moody along with maximum performance duration:

- Port Moody parks (2 hours)
- Port Moody Civic Complex exterior (1 hour)
- Queen Street Plaza (2 hours)
- Port Moody Recreation Complex courtyard (1 hour)

Maximum Number of Concurrent Performances at Each Location

In order to maintain a comfortable setting for both the performers and the public, the maximum number of concurrent performances at Rocky Point Park is three (two in the areas between the spray park and the pier and one in the area by the dog park (please see map). The maximum number of performances at any one time at all other locations is one.

Rocky Point Park Information

The stage at Rocky Point Park is a permissible location provided that no programmed activity or rental is taking place at that time.

The stage at Rocky Point Park will be unavailable at these times (subject to change without notice):

1. During Golden Spike Days (set-up/clean-up and festival days)
2. All Sundays in July and August (between 12pm and 5pm)

Permitted Times

Street performances may take place between the hours of 10am and 9pm, seven days a week except for Port Moody parks. Performances in parks may begin at 10am and must finish by 9pm or the normal closing time of the park (varies by season), whichever is earlier.

Liability

All performers are responsible for ensuring the safety of the public and themselves. The application and liability release must be signed before any permit is issued.

The street performer agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Port Moody from all costs, loss, damages, proceedings, actions, claims, demands, and expenses incurred by the street performer and sustained or caused by or arising out of the street performer's performance or behaviour while performing. It is the responsibility of the performer to inspect the performance area in advance of the performance to ensure the area is suitable and safe for the type of performance being presented.

Guidelines

These general guidelines must be adhered to by all street performers. Any infraction of these guidelines may result in the immediate revoking of the permit.

1. Permit holder must be present during the performance.
2. Performers must display their permit visibly, near their performing area.
3. Performers must provide their permit to a Port Moody Police Officer or Bylaw Officer upon request.
4. Performers may not pressure the public for donations or purchases of their work.
5. Aggressive or persistent solicitation of donations is not permitted.
6. You must not jeopardize the comfort or safety of others. Please respect wishes of nearby residents or businesses.
7. Street performers must have a neat and clean appearance and must keep the site in use clean while they are performing.
8. Street Performers must comply with all City of Port Moody bylaws (i.e., noise bylaw) and *Street Performers Program Guidelines* (these guidelines).
9. The City of Port Moody reserves the right to revoke the performer's permit immediately should the performer's behaviour be incompatible with the objective of the *Street Performers Program* or if the performer is found to be in breach of any of the policies.