



WELCOME!

As Mayor of Nanaimo, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all participants, families, and organizers involved in this year's 8th annual Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival being held July 09-11, 2010, at Maffeo Sutton Park.

I welcome everyone to come down and participate in three days of exciting dragon boat racing and great spectator entertainment. Nanaimo has been hosting the Save On Foods Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival since 2003 and this year it will be Nanaimo's largest Festival with over 80 teams participating.

It is always an honour to be the host community for such special weekend festivities. I wish all participants involved a safe weekend of racing and thank you all for getting involved in this most worthwhile event. Let's work together to make a difference!

While your stay with us will be brief, I trust it will be enjoyable. I invite you to visit us again in the foreseeable future when you can enjoy the full extent of our hospitality and the many points of interest that our beautiful city has to offer.

In leaving, I hope you will take good memories, new friendships, and a desire to visit us again.

Sincerely,

John Ruttan
MAYOR