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KINGSTON TO CELEBRATE VOYAGEURS AT CANADA DAY PARADE!

This year the Red & White People Parade on Canada Day will include some very special guests – Kingston's own Kimco Voyageurs hockey team. The Vees put on an impressive show during this past hockey season, winning the Central Canadian Junior A championships and advancing to the RBC Cup in Victoria, BC where they placed fourth overall in Canada.

“It's a great opportunity to celebrate the team's achievement,” says Marketing Manager Michele Langlois of Downtown Kingston! “We're happy to include them in the parade and hope lots of people will come out to see them and help celebrate Canada Day.”

Lots of great events are planned for Canada Day in Confederation Park. The day will start out with the annual Limestone Mile in historic downtown Kingston. The event is made up of four races - a junior race for 13 and under, a high school race for grades 9-12, a senior women's, and a senior men's race. People interested in participating are asked to contact Runner's Choice at 613.542.2410 or visit www.krra.org.

The Voyageurs will be leading off the Red & White People Parade, which leaves the A&P parking lot at Princess and Barrie Streets at 11:30am sharp. Mayor Harvey Rosen, Mr. John Gerretsen MPP, the Honorable Peter Millikin, and Kingston's own Town Crier will all be on hand to join the Vees in the parade down Princess Street to City Hall. The public is also encouraged to show their spirit by dressing up in red and white clothing and walking in the parade as well.

The 2009 First Capital Award Winners will also be guests of honour for the parade and will be recognized during the Civic Ceremony on the steps of City Hall at noon. The Boys & Girls Club Choir will kick-off the ceremony by singing the national anthem.

The Civic Ceremony will be followed by the Mayor's Sailpast at Crawford Dock at 1pm. All water crafts interested in participating should contact Downtown Kingston at 613.542.8677 with the following information: your name, phone number, size and type of your boat. Canoes, Kayaks, sailboats, and motor crafts are all invited to participate.

Throughout the afternoon, live entertainment will be on in Confederation Park. Local talent will grace the stage with a wide range of musical performances by Jenica Rayne, Geoff Hinch Boogie & Blues, My Friend Andy, Kontrollled Kaos, Emily Fennell Band, The Trevor Walsh Band and Everlea will entertain attendees. Wagon rides and other fun children's activities are planned throughout the day.

As the music concludes and the night's sky turns to black, a colourful fireworks display will light up downtown. This year's fireworks extravaganza will start at 10pm sharp and will be best viewed from Confederation Park.

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