

City of Courtenay Street Entertainer Program

In accordance with the City of Courtenay Street Entertainers Regulation Bylaw 2749, 2013 the Director may impose conditions on a Street Entertainment Permit for continuing to hold a Street Entertainment Permit where such conditions are related to any other public safety manner. Please refer to Appendix A for the currently Street Entertainer Performance Locations.

Street Entertainers wishing to perform on public property must apply for and receive a Street Entertainer Permit. To request a permit, please follow these steps:

Step 1: Complete the application on the reverse.

Step 2: Submit completed application with a video sample of your entertainment and headshot (used for permit – no sunglasses or hats please) to rca@courtenay.ca. Paper applications may be dropped off to Courtenay City Hall - 830 Cliffe Avenue, however video/headshot must be sent to the aforementioned email address.

Step 3: City of Courtenay will send auditions to Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association to be reviewed. If your audition is successful, you will be notified by the email address or phone number provided on your application.

Step 4: Once you have received notification, go to City Hall with a valid piece of ID and pay the \$25.00 non-refundable permit fee (debit, cash, or cheque). The permit will be issued for a 12 month period. Please review the important details below before performing. **The City of Courtenay does NOT accept email transfers (e-Transfers).**

General Information:

- Performances are permitted between 10:00 am and 10:00 pm, seven days a week
- Performances are limited to a maximum of two hours in any one location. You cannot repeat a performance at the same location on the same day
- These are unprecedented times and things may change and the program may be subject to change as the COVID19 situation evolves.
- Please stay home when sick and maintain a safe and respectful distance from the public when performing.

Locations: Performance locations have been limited to allow for safe distancing between performers and pedestrians. View map in Appendix A. Private property is not covered by the Street Entertainer Program.

Unrestricted location: allows amplification audible beyond 75 metres; no amplified vocals

1. Randy Wiwchar Plaza – corner of 5th Street and Cliffe Avenue, in front of the Sid Williams Theatre

Restricted Location: no amplification except non-acoustic instruments. No sound audible beyond 75 metres

2. Comox Valley Centre for the Arts (Comox Valley Art Gallery) Plaza (6th Street and Duncan Ave)
3. 4th St and Duncan Ave – south west corner (near municipal parking lot)
4. 5th St and England Ave – north west corner (near parking lot at 407 5th Street)

Street Entertainment Guidelines:

Do:

1. Follow all provincial public health orders, recommendations, and protocols
2. Ensure your ID badge is clearly displayed during your performance
3. Remove all litter and garbage generated by the performance
4. Keep the sidewalk clear for pedestrians and to allow physical distancing
5. Feel free to have an open container for donations and/or sell recordings **during** your performance. We recommend having hand sanitizer available for public use for those wishing to handle your recordings.
6. Vacate the premises if requested by a Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement or other City representatives
7. For groups: ensure all group members are included on your permit. Group performances must include at least two of the group members
8. Cooperate with facility operators at Sid Williams and Centre for the Arts if you are requested to adjust your position or volume due to the facility's operations and programming.

Don't:

9. Use profanity
10. Use dangerous props
11. Use props in a way that could injure or cause damage to the public
12. Consume, or perform under the influence of, alcohol or drugs
13. Aggressively solicit for donations, verbally or otherwise
14. Perform at a location that has already been booked for a special event, unless permitted by the event organizer

Failure to comply with the above guidelines could result in a fine and/or suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Questions?

Contact the Recreation & Cultural Services Department at 250-334-4441 ext. 7231 or email rcs@courtenay.ca
For further details, read the City's Street Entertainer Bylaw No. 2947, 2013.



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- 3** 4th St and Duncan Ave - South West corner
- 4** 5th St and England Ave - plaza



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Street Entertainer Program Location Update

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