



## New Anchor Tenant for Royal Athletic Park

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lowe will introduce new tenants for Royal Athletic Park at a news conference tomorrow afternoon.

What: Announcement of new anchor tenants for Royal Athletic Park

When: Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 1 p.m.

Where: Sandman Hotel, Orchid Room, 2852 Douglas Street, Victoria

Royal Athletic Park, commonly known as “RAP” is a multi-purpose, fully-lit stadium located in central Victoria. The land was originally purchased by the City of Victoria in 1925 and the park underwent a major restoration in 1967 after a large fire. Over the years it has been used for soccer, baseball, softball and football, as well as large community events as the annual Great Canadian Beer Festival.

The stadium was briefly the home field of the popular Victoria Capitals minor league baseball team until the league folded in 2003.

RAP’s permanent seating is 4,247 and depending on its configuration and the event, it can hold up to 11,000 people. In July 2007, Royal Athletic Park realized its true potential as one of six venues for the 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup, at which time the City of Victoria set out to secure an anchor tenant to increase the community’s access to affordable family entertainment.

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