

March 31, 2020

**Covid-19 Response: Cancellation of the Nanaimo Child Development Centre's  
36<sup>th</sup> Annual Silly Boat Regatta July 19, 2020.**

The Silly Boat Regatta is recognized as one of Nanaimo's premier events with over 10,000 participants and spectators. Every year over 150 volunteers, community members and staff come together to make this family event an ongoing success. With a number of business sponsors leading the way, this event is the largest community fundraiser for the Nanaimo Child Development Centre. All funds raised from this event go toward providing specialized equipment, programs and services for children with developmental needs in our community. In 2019, our event raised over \$110,000 to assist us in our mission. We could not do any of this without all of you and we are truly grateful.

During these unprecedented times in our global community, it's with heavy hearts that the Nanaimo Child Development Centre has had to make the decision to **cancel** the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Silly Boat Regatta fundraising event, scheduled for July 19, 2020.

We wish to thank the entire community for your support and understanding during this time. We look forward to a successful event next year, July 18, 2021. Until then, please take care and stay well.

We are all in this together.

Sincerely,



Dominic Rockall  
Executive Director

