

For the fourth straight year, kilted skaters will take to the ice this winter to honour Scottish heritage, and celebrate the 203rd birthday of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. MacDonald. This year's Calgary Kilt Skate event will be the culmination of similar events being held in six other major Canadian cities across the country and will be held on Sunday February 11 at the Olympic Municipal Plaza.

"We are excited to again participate in the Kilt Skate events. We are hoping for a sizeable turnout in celebration of Sir John A's 203rd birthday," said David Aftergood organizer on behalf of the St. Andrews Caledonian Society of Calgary, which is hosting this year's event.

The skating will take place between noon and 4 PM on Sunday and free birthday cake and hot chocolate will be provided for everyone who attends. We have birthday cake, will serve hot chocolate and have fun with the skaters. We are also pleased that the Society's Gaelic Choir will sing O' Canada in English and Gaelic to kick off the festivities and then serenade the skaters with several traditional Scottish ballads. Pipers will provide traditional music, weather permitting, and Highland dancers will perform. Finally, a skate rental shack will be on the premises in case anyone wants to rent a pair of skates and join in the fun.

This is a free event for the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Whether you skate or not or whether you decide to wear kilt or not, although it is very much encouraged, come on down and enjoy an afternoon of uniquely Canadian Scottish culture.