

Science World To Make Vancouver's Skyline Sparkle Once Again by Lighting up the Night Sky ∰



On August 10th, the iconic dome's lights will be back on every evening at dusk!

Photos and videos can be found at this link

Vancouver, BC, August 8, 2023 – After months of anticipation, Science World's iconic dome, a beacon of curiosity and wonder, will light up the night sky starting August 10th. The city's beloved landmark is ready to dazzle once again.

Originally known as the 'Expo Centre', Science World's dome has evolved into an iconic attraction over the past 35 years. Today, it stands proudly as an emblem of education, scientific discovery, and community pride. To ensure the dome continues to be the leading centre for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Design and Math) education in the province, Science World is working on various technological and essential building upgrades. The replacement of the dome's exterior lights marks an exciting symbol of the ongoing progress being made to the dome. This state-of-the-art lighting system not only enhances capabilities but also boasts the latest LED technology, making it more sustainable and energy-efficient.

The new lighting system, along with a number of other upgrades over the last year, was made possible thanks to \$10M in funding from the federal government through PacifiCan's Tourism Relief Fund back in October 2022.

"We know many have been eagerly waiting for Science World's dome to illuminate the night sky once again," expressed Tracy Redies, President and CEO of Science World. "We are grateful the federal government has recognized the importance of our mission at Science World and provided funding for this project as well as other visitor and critical infrastructure improvements. This funding, coupled with recent support received from the Provincial Government, will help towards our ongoing renewal of the dome so Science World can continue to inspire the next generation of wonder seekers, critical thinkers and STEAM talent. While the re-illumination of the dome marks an important milestone in the refurbishment of our iconic landmark, we still have much to do. We look forward to continued collaboration with all levels of government to make this vision a reality."

"Science World has been a popular Vancouver attraction for 35 years, and now the iconic dome will illuminate our city skyline brighter than ever before," said the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada. "By helping revitalize Science World, PacifiCan is ensuring it can continue providing locals and visitors with opportunities to learn, explore, and discover science for many years to come."

A non-profit organization, Science World reaches over three million people a year through their False Creek location and province-wide programming. Their mission is to ignite wonder and empower dreams through science and nature, fostering STEAM learning across the province and beyond and nurturing the next generation of STEAM talent.

Redies further expressed her gratitude, stating, "Changing the lights on one of the largest geodesic domes in the world is no small feat. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated team and contractors for their unwavering commitment and effort to ensure our dome once again sparkles with brilliance."

Science World will be illuminated each evening from dusk to dawn using 651 LED lights, three times as many lights as before.

Science World offers opportunities for events, charities and non-profits to build awareness for their organizations by illuminating Science World in colours themed to their cause.

Learn more at https://www.scienceworld.ca/visit-us/lights/

About Science World

Science World is a BC-based charitable organization that engages the people of British Columbia in STEAM literacy. Their mission is to ignite wonder and empower dreams through science and nature. Their vision is that within a generation, Canada will be a country of thriving, sustainable communities rooted in science, innovation and a deep connection to nature.

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