

Local Film Causes Big Buzz Around Tofino

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Dixon, front left, Soleil Temple, singing, Kane Henderson, base, and Cameron McIntyre, drums, perform in Ucluelet's skatepark during a video shoot this week. (Submitted Photo)

By Keven Drews One of three short videos shot locally this week went viral – at least in Tofino.

Organized by Tofino's parks and recreation department, a first-ever weeklong youth filmmaking program shot scenes for flash mob, claymation and lip-synced videos in locations around Tofino and in Ucluelet's skatepark.

Eight students participated.

The flash mob video is already online.

"This short film has created a real buzz around town," said April Froment, of Tofino's parks and recreation department. "The final product is hilarious and has gone 'viral'...well at least in

Tofino."

The program was run by Chris Jaycox, parks and recreation's summer programmer.

Local residents Kim Johnston and Cameron Dennison led the group in Monday's flash mob project.

Froment said the program gave youths an opportunity to learn some valuable technical skills.

Youths are still editing the claymation and a lip-synced music videos.

"Participants selected the music, props, location and costumes for the video," said Froment. "Tofino parks and recreation hopes to enter the video in this year's Tofino Film Festival."

To watch the flash mob, visit <http://vimeo.com/14376062>.