

NEWS RELEASE

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Parksville Volunteers – A Gift to the Community

PARKSVILLE, BC: At this week's Council meeting on April 8, Parksville Council will proclaim April 12 to April 18 as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville. The City of Parksville wishes to recognize volunteers and community organizations for their outstanding contribution to our City and also acknowledge volunteers are an important partner with government in providing services to citizens.

During this week, communities all across Canada celebrate National Volunteer Week intended to thank and celebrate those people who make a tremendous contribution by volunteering in our community. Volunteers donate their time and good old fashioned elbow grease to programs which rely on inspiration and who donate their time to help others by supporting the cause in which they believe. Volunteers are those in our community who see a need and willingly work to overcome that need or hear of an opportunity to share their skills.

Mayor Marc Lefebvre said, "Volunteers contribute significantly to the well-being of our community and without their dedication, it would be difficult to sustain many of the services we enjoy. National Volunteer Week heightens public awareness of the vital contribution volunteers make to Parksville and we hope you will consider thanking some of this community's many volunteers, to acknowledge their work and the richness they bring to our community."

For more information http://volunteer.ca/nvw2015

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Proclamation

2015 Volunteer Week City of Parksville

WHEREAS, volunteerism in the City of Parksville plays a vital role in strengthening society, creating a sense of cohesion and unity across the City of Parksville; and

WHEREAS, 13.3 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing 2.1 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Parksville are recognized as an important partner with government and industry in providing services to citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteers of all ages, from all walks of life and backgrounds give generously of their talent, energy and their time to assist individuals and families in the community to mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 Parksville citizens contribute to the quality of life of their community using their talents and resources to address some of the major issues facing our community; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our City's volunteers is that Parksville is a more desirable place to live, work and play;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marc Lefebvre, Mayor, on behalf of City Council, hereby proclaim April 12 to 18, 2015, as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in the City of Parksville.

Mayor Marc Lefebvre City of Parksville

April 8, 2015