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City Celebration for the Late Phil St Luke

Parksville Council wishes to recognize Phil St Luke as an ambassador for the City of Parksville and support the community's wishes for a celebration. At the meeting on February 22, Council approved a celebration event to be funded by the City.

The City will host a community celebration for the late Phil St Luke on Friday, June 9 from 7 to 9 pm at the outdoor theatre in the Parksville Community Park. The event is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. Planning is underway and more information will be provided closer to the event. Please refer to <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> for event updates and information.

Phil St Luke passed away on January 13 and since that time, the community has shared condolences, personal stories and memories of Phil. Council wishes to receive suggestions for further recognition of Mr. St Luke; *Let's Talk Parksville*, the City's engagement platform, provides the space to leave ideas.

As approved at the February 6 meeting, Council supports in principle a statue of Phil St Luke in the City of Parksville, contingent upon funds being raised by the community with a final decision on location, design and role of the City being made after consideration of proposals from community groups. Councillors Adam Fras and Mary Beil are members of a standing committee appointed by Mayor O'Brien to look at further recognition of Mr St Luke. Should you wish to contribute or be involved, email CouncillorFras@parksville.ca.

The City is honoured to host the community event on June 9 to recognize the late Phil St Luke and look forward to sharing the details as they become available.

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