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Celebrate the Spirit of Phil St Luke - June 9

The City is honoured to 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. Since Phil's passing on January 13, the community has generously shared condolences, personal stories and memories of Phil.

We have planned a casual fun evening with a few speeches and lots of music and dancing. Please bring your smiles and dancing shoes – exactly what Phil would do. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and stay for the evening. There will be music by the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band and the Apollos, an Oceanside band playing rock, blues, and country from the 1980s to now, as well as treats donated by Quality Foods.

The Phil St Luke standing committee members will be raising funds towards a statue and will have such items as postcards, art cards, magnets, and stickers as well, T-shirts and hats from Phil's personal collection which may be purchased by donation. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Flying Phil Memorial fund.

Approved in February, Council supports in principle a statue of Phil St Luke in the City of Parksville, contingent upon funds being raised by the community. A final decision on location, design and role of the City will be made once funds have been raised.

Please refer to <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> for event information and a space to provide suggestions for further recognition of Mr St Luke.

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