

## City of Parksville Recognizes RCMP 150<sup>th</sup>

May 23, 2023, marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, founded in 1873 when a bill passed through Parliament and received Royal Assent to establish the North-West Mounted Police.

To acknowledge the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCMP and our appreciation of the Oceanside RCMP Detachment which serves our community, the City's Pym Street garden, designed by our operations staff, has been planted with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary RCMP design.

What began as a 300-person corps in the west has grown into an internationally recognized organization of more than 30,000 people serving Canadians from coast to coast to coast and supporting international policing and peacekeeping activities.

Recognition of the RCMP 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary provides a chance to reflect on the RCMP's past and its contribution to the story of Canada, to highlight the organization's pride in all RCMP employees, and to showcase how the organization is moving forward on the path to be a more modern, diverse, inclusive, and trusted RCMP.

### QUOTE – MAYOR DOUG O'BRIEN

"150 years is a remarkable accomplishment, and the City of Parksville is honoured to acknowledge the RCMP for their continued service to our community. We thank the members, both past and present for their commitment and look forward to continuing to work with the RCMP in many ways as we serve our City together."

### RESOURCES:

[Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#)

[History of the RCMP](#)

[Change at the RCMP](#)

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*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations,  
home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*