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Community Social Services Awareness Month Proclaimed by City Council

PARKSVILLE, BC - On March 2, 2009, the Council of the City of Parksville passed a resolution proclaiming March 2009 as Community Social Services Awareness Month. This resolution places Parksville in the company of many British Columbia communities that are supporting this initiative. The request came to City Council from the BC Government and Service Employees' Union and is a campaign to raise awareness of important community-based social services. Throughout the month of March, the Community Social Services Matter campaign is taking the message into the community.

Community social services include child care, employment and housing support for people with developmental disabilities, specialized services for immigrant families, services for First Nations families, support for women dealing with violence, substance abuse and addiction-related services, and much more. They provide a wide range of assistance to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

"Not only is the message about support, it is also a reminder that these important services suffer when resources are stretched to the breaking point, when services are cut and when waiting lists grow. As Council, we are pleased to support Community Social Services Awareness Month," said City of Parksville Mayor Ed Mayne.

More information about Social Services Awareness Month can be found at <http://www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca/> and <http://www.bcgeu.bc.ca/>

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