

City Proclaims Rotary Polio Plus Day in Parksville

Parksville, BC - Rotary International is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations with 1.2 million members serving in over 32,000 clubs in 200 countries worldwide. The City of Parksville is presently well-served by two Rotary Clubs; the Rotary Club of Parksville AM and the Rotary Club of Parksville.

Acting Mayor Chris Burger received a request from the Rotary Club of Parksville AM to proclaim February 23 as "Rotary Polio Plus Day" in Parksville.

Said Acting Mayor Burger, "Rotary Polio Plus Day is an opportunity to recognize the work of Rotary members worldwide over the past twenty years to eradicate polio. The task is enormous and the commitment to a polio free world by Rotary is a noble cause."

"This proclamation is also a wonderful opportunity to recognize the contributions made by Rotary members to our community. The citizens of Parksville have benefited tremendously from the many fundraising efforts and community projects that are championed by our local Rotary Clubs," said Burger.

The Gates Foundation pledged \$355 million and Rotary International also pledged \$200 million to fight this dreadful disease. Information on Rotary's US \$200 million challenge is available at <http://www.rotary.org/en/EndPolio/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

-30-

For more information:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Acting Mayor Chris Burger | 250 954-4661 |
| Debbie Tardiff, Communications Officer | 250 954-3073 |