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## September 23 is “Michelle Stilwell Day in Parksville”

**PARKSVILLE, BC:** At last evening’s meeting, the Council of the City of Parksville proclaimed Sunday, September 23, 2012, as “Michelle Stilwell Day in Parksville”.

The City will honour Paralympic Gold Medalist, Michelle Stilwell and recognize her outstanding achievements as part of the RBC Hometown Celebration on September 23. This community and family event is an opportunity to honour our local hometown champion as well as recognize other local athletes who participated in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games.

Residents of Parksville and neighbouring communities are invited to join the celebration on Sunday at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre. The event starts at 4 pm with activities until 7 pm. Dress warmly as most of the event will be held outside and will include presentations, talk and Q & A with Michelle, photo opportunities, music and a BBQ presented by First Parksville Scouts. Should the weather not cooperate, the event will be moved inside.

“The City of Parksville is pleased to partner in this celebration with RBC Royal Bank and to honour and welcome home RBC Olympian Michelle Stilwell,” said Parksville Mayor Chris Burger.

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 23; 4-7 pm

**WHERE:** Parksville Community & Conference Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East

The “Michelle Stilwell Day in Parksville” proclamation reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Parksville wishes to honour Parksville resident, Michelle Stilwell, for outstanding achievements in sport and in life, and deem it an honour and pleasure to acknowledge Michelle as one of this City’s shining stars;

**AND WHEREAS**, Michelle Stilwell is a Canadian Paralympic champion, earning medals at the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Paralympics;

**AND WHEREAS**, Michelle Stilwell through her individual efforts and her dedication and commitment to Canadian sport and athleticism is a true inspiration to others;

**AND WHEREAS**, Michelle Stilwell is willing to share her experiences of perseverance and her message of optimism and resilience to many individuals and organizations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, the Council of the City of Parksville do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 23, 2012, as “Michelle Stilwell Day” in the City of Parksville and urge all our citizens to join in the celebration in recognition of the exceptional achievements of Michelle Stilwell.

**For more information:**

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