

Parksville Mayor Awarded Diamond Jubilee Medal

PARKSVILLE, BC: At the February 18 Council meeting, City of Parksville Mayor Chris Burger received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in honour of his contribution to local government. The award was presented by Dr James Lunney, Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Alberni.

Mayor Burger was nominated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for his contributions to his community. This medal recognizes the important role municipalities and their elected leaders play in ensuring our prosperity and high quality of life.

The nomination by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities recognizes current mayors in municipalities who have belonged to FCM for five years or more and recognizes their essential role as a local government leader and their municipality's contribution to FCM and the country. The process was overseen by an advisory committee consisting of FCM's current president and a group of past presidents from different parts of the country.

Mayor Burger was elected as Town of Qualicum Beach councillor in 1996, serving three years. He was elected to City of Parksville council in 2002, appointed acting mayor in January 2011 and has served as mayor since the municipal election in November 2011. Chris was the youngest councillor to be elected in Town of Qualicum Beach.

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal honours significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. Throughout the year, 60,000 deserving Canadian will be recognized. The medal was created by the Government of Canada to mark sixty years of service by Queen Elizabeth II.

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