

Parksville Volunteers - A Gift to the Community

PARKSVILLE, BC: At the April 15 meeting, Parksville Council proclaimed April 21 to April 27 as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville. During this week, communities all across Canada celebrate National Volunteer Week intended to thank and honour people who donate their time to help others by supporting the cause in which they believe.

The City of Parksville honours volunteers and community organizations for their outstanding contribution to our City and recognizes that volunteers are an important partner with government in providing services to citizens.

Volunteers bring their time and good old fashioned elbow grease to programs that rely on inspiration. Volunteers are those in our community who see a need and willingly work to overcome that need or hear of an opportunity to share their skills. Volunteers are the helping hands that work together to promote quality of life and unselfishly step forward to assist.

Mayor Chris Burger said, "It really is true that our volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and that volunteerism embodies a healthy community. Without our dedicated volunteers, it would be difficult for us to sustain many of the services that we all enjoy and take for granted."

National Volunteer Week is a special week in April when volunteers who give their time and energy for their fellow citizens are honoured. The week heightens public awareness of the vital contribution that volunteers make to our municipality, our identity, and our values. Everyone is invited to congratulate our volunteers during this week in acknowledgment of their work and the richness that they bring to our community.

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Proclamation

2013 Volunteer Week City of Parksville

WHEREAS, volunteerism in the City of Parksville plays a vital role in strengthening society, creating a sense of cohesion and unity across the City of Parksville; and

WHEREAS, 13.3 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing 2.1 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are increasingly recognized as an important partner with government and industry in providing services to citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteers of all ages, from all walks of life, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds give generously of their talent, energy and their time to assist individuals and families in the community to mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 Parksville citizens contribute to the quality of life of their community using their talents and resources to address some of the major issues facing our community; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our City's volunteers is that Parksville is a more desirable place to live, work and play;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Burger, Mayor, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim April 21st to 27th, 2013, as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville and express our deepest appreciation to our fellow citizens for the services and support provided by volunteers in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in the City of Parksville

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Burger".

**Mayor Chris Burger
City of Parksville**

April 15, 2013