

## City proclaims week of September 23 as Environmental Public Health Week

Parksville, BC - Mayor Chris Burger has proclaimed the week of September 23 to 29, 2013, as "*Environmental Public Health Week*" in the City of Parksville.

Environmental Public Health Week was established in 2003 to recognize the work of environmental public health professionals such as public health inspectors and environmental health officers. Over the past 100 years, these professionals have worked to protect Canadians from environmental hazards and ensure the provision of safe food, water, housing and clean air.

Public health inspectors are employed by federal, provincial and local governments, First Nations Tribal Councils and in the private sector to inspect public facilities and educate communities. They are responsible for the inspection of food premises, recreational water, healthcare and childcare facilities, personal service settings, drinking water systems and the implementation of disease and health hazard controls.

Mayor Chris Burger said, "We are pleased to recognize the Environmental Public Health Week initiative. The valuable inspection and education services provided by environmental public health professionals in our community help our residents stay safe and healthy."

More information about the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors can be found on their website at <http://www.ciphi.ca>.

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