

## Parksville Volunteers – The Roots of Strong Communities

**PARKSVILLE, BC:** At a meeting on April 4, Parksville Council proclaimed April 10 to April 16 as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville. The City recognizes and thanks volunteers and community organizations for their outstanding contribution to our City and also acknowledges volunteers are an important partner with government in providing services to citizens.

During this week, communities all across Canada celebrate National Volunteer Week intended to thank and celebrate those people who make a tremendous contribution by volunteering in our community. Volunteers donate their time and good old fashioned elbow grease to programs which rely on inspiration and who donate their time to help others by supporting the cause in which they believe. 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.

Mayor Marc Lefebvre said, “Volunteers contribute significantly to the well-being of our community and without their dedication, it would be difficult to sustain many of the services we enjoy. National Volunteer Week heightens public awareness of the vital contribution volunteers make to Parksville and we hope you will thank some of this community’s many volunteers, acknowledging their work and the richness they bring to our community.”

This year’s national campaign features the theme, “volunteers are the roots of strong communities.” Just like roots are essential for trees to bloom, volunteers are essential for communities to boom. Thanks to volunteers, our communities grow strong and resilient. Even the tiniest volunteer effort leaves a profound and lasting trace in a community, much like tree rings that appear over time.

For more information <https://volunteer.ca/nvw2016>, #NVW2016  
City of Parksville Proclamation - attached

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# Proclamation

## 2016 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, 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing billions of volunteer hours per year; and

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

WHEREAS, volunteers of all ages and 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, Parksville citizens contribute to the quality of life of their community using their talents and resources to address 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, Marc Lefebvre, Mayor, on behalf of City Council, hereby proclaim April 10 to 16, 2016, as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in the City of Parksville.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Lefebvre".

**Mayor Marc Lefebvre**  
City of Parksville

April 4, 2016