

## October is Community Inclusion Month in Parksville

Mayor Marc Lefebvre has proclaimed the month of October as "*Community Inclusion Month*" in the City of Parksville.

Community Inclusion Month celebrates the achievements of people with developmental disabilities, including independent living, workplace accomplishments as well as community and social participation. It also recognizes the hard work of individuals, families and community members to create inclusive communities and opportunities for all residents with developmental disabilities.

The month is acknowledged annually by the province to raise public and community awareness about the skills and abilities adults with developmental disabilities and their families can bring to community and the work and support municipalities provide to help build more inclusive communities.

Locally, the Inclusion Parksville Society has many activities and events planned for the community in October, including a dance at the Parksville Legion Hall to kick off the celebrations. On October 18, IPS will host a Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce business-after-business meeting and participants and staff are planning a Halloween dance at IPS for the end of October.

More information about Inclusion Parksville or Community Inclusion Month events is available at [www.inclusionpv.org](http://www.inclusionpv.org)

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