

Street Named in Honour of Long-time Resident, Marge Dunbar

In May 2019, Marge Dunbar became aware the City would celebrate its 75th birthday in 2020 and contacted Mayor Mayne about the possibility of a street being named for her as part of the City's 75th celebrations.

For Marge Dunbar, the significance was the fact she moved to Parksville in 1945, the same year Parksville was incorporated as a City and that she would celebrate her 100th birthday in the same year Parksville would celebrate its 75th birthday. Born on January 9, 1920, Marge Dunbar lived in Parksville for the past 75 years, raising her family here. She passed away on February 4, 2020, at the age of 100.

The City reached out to Insight Holdings Ltd, the company developing the property on Despard Avenue with the request to name one of the new streets in honour of Mrs Dunbar and received a favourable response. Dunbar Way was unveiled as Parksville's newest street on June 19, the City's 75th birthday.

Attending on behalf of the Dunbar family were Mrs Dunbar's son Ian, daughter-in-law Margie and grandson Jeff Dunbar along with Brian Henning representing Insight Holdings. Ian and Margie Dunbar moved back to the Island from the lower mainland about twenty years ago and like Marge, plan to stay in Parksville.

QUOTE – Parksville Mayor Ed Mayne

“We are pleased to be able to honour the late Mrs Marge Dunbar with the naming of Dunbar Way in Parksville,” said Mayor Mayne. “I can only imagine the many changes and significant growth that Mrs Dunbar witnessed during her 75 years living in Parksville.”

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