

Joan Lemoine Recognized by City of Parksville

Today, Joan Lemoine was recognized by the City of Parksville for her tremendous contributions to the quality of life in our community. Not only is today Joan's 90th birthday but the day was also proclaimed as "Joan Lemoine Day in the City of Parksville" and Joan was presented with the Key to the City of Parksville. Unfortunately, due to the requirement to physical distance, it was not possible to hold a public event. Mayor Ed Mayne and Council hosted a small group which included members of Joan's family.

July 6 is a significant day in Parksville's history. The presentation of the key to the City is only the second one in the history of the City. In 2012, the City recognized Michelle Stilwell with the first key to for her contributions to sport and community. The original plan was to present the key to Joan on June 19, at the City's 75th birthday celebrations.

Joan has been a resident of Parksville since 1995 and her service to the community and countless hours of volunteering have made a significant difference to so many. And despite her young age, Joan continues to be an active volunteer in our community. She was instrumental in re-establishing the Parksville Beach Festival Society that now organizes the world-famous sand sculpting event.

Joan volunteered for many years on the Society of Organized Services board and continues to raise funds for COPS for Cancer Tour de Rock. She continues to volunteer with the Oceanside Community Safety Keeping in Touch program, Mount Arrowsmith Branch 49 of the Royal Canadian Legion. As well, Joan has been recognized for her contributions both provincially and federally, receiving the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, the Community Ambassador Award from the City of Parksville in 2013 and the Medal of Good Citizenship in 2016.

QUOTE – MAYOR ED MAYNE, CITY OF PARKSVILLE

"Joan Lemoine is extremely well respected for the good work she does in our community and the recognition today by the City of Parksville is well-deserved. I've been fortunate as Joan started helping me with Coffee with the Mayor in 2009 and has been there ever since. On behalf of the Council and residents of the City of Parksville, it was my great honour to present Joan with the key to the City of Parksville".

Proclamation – Joan Lemoine Day in the City of Parksville included with release.

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Proclamation to Honour Joan Lemoine Day in the City of Parksville

WHEREAS, the City of Parksville wishes to honour Parksville resident, Joan Lemoine, for her outstanding contribution as a volunteer and deem it an honour and pleasure to acknowledge Joan Lemoine;

AND WHEREAS, Joan Lemoine has selflessly served this community as a volunteer since 1995, working tirelessly to improve the quality of life in Parksville;

AND WHEREAS, Joan Lemoine through her individual efforts and her dedication to causes that benefit our community, has made a significant difference in the lives of Parksville residents;

AND WHEREAS, Joan Lemoine is recognized for her commitment to volunteer service to such organizations as Society of Organized Services, Parksville Beach Festival Society; COPS for Cancer Tour de Rock raising money to fight childhood cancer, the Mount Arrowsmith Branch #49 Royal Canada Legion and as long-time volunteer at the City's Coffee with the Mayor as well as many other organizations;

AND WHEREAS, Joan Lemoine exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and through her dedication has inspired and encouraged many others to volunteer and contribute to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Parksville do hereby proclaim Monday, July 6, 2020, as "Joan Lemoine Day" in the City of Parksville and urge all our citizens to applaud Joan Lemoine for her exceptional contributions.

In the City of Parksville, British Columbia

Mayor Ed Mayne

July 6, 2020

