

Celebrating the Value of Parksville Volunteers

Mayor Marc Lefebvre has proclaimed April 15 to April 21 as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville. The theme for National Volunteer Week in 2018 is *Celebrate the value of volunteering - building confidence, competence, connections and community*.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity for the City to recognize the contributions of volunteers in our community. We thank our volunteers and community organizations for their outstanding contribution to our City and also acknowledge volunteers are an important partner with government in providing services to citizens.

Volunteering is often seen as a selfless act; a person gives their time, skills, experience and passion to help others, without expecting anything in return. And while volunteering is a form of service, many volunteers will say that “you get more than you give”. From opportunities to develop new skills, to finding deep and meaningful personal connections, the magic of volunteering is that it creates social and economic value for all - for individuals, families, organizations, neighbourhoods, communities and ultimately, for Canada itself. This immense richness is something to be celebrated.

Mayor Marc Lefebvre said, “Volunteers contribute significantly to the well-being of our community and without this 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 the impact volunteers have on the quality of life in our community.”

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.

<https://volunteer.ca> #NVW2018

City of Parksville Proclamation - attached

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Proclamation

2018 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, 13.3 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 15 to 21, 2018, 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.

Mayor Marc Lefebvre
City of Parksville

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