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Celebrate the Spirit of Phil St Luke

The City of Parksville will celebrate the spirit of the late Phil St Luke at a community event on Friday, June 9 in the Parksville Community Park. The event will be held at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre from 7 to 9 pm and is free for the community and all are welcome to join the community celebration to recognize Phil St Luke.

We are planning for a casual fun evening with a few speeches and lots of music and dancing. Please bring your smiles and dancing shoes – exactly what Phil would do. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and stay for the evening. There will be music by the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band and the Apollos, an Oceanside band playing rock, blues, and country from the 1980s to now. Quality Foods will provide treats for the first 500 people.

Since the passing of Phil St Luke on January 13, the community has shared condolences, personal stories, and memories of Phil. Parksville Council approved funding for this community event and supports in principle the concept of a statue of Phil St Luke in the City, contingent upon funds being raised by the community. A standing committee appointed by Mayor O'Brien and chaired by Councillor Adam Fras, is meeting and has taken on fundraising initiatives. Committee members will be fundraising funds at this event.

The City is honoured to host this event to recognize the late Phil St Luke and look forward to sharing more details as they become available. Please refer to <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> for event updates and information.

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