City of Parksville Donates Land to Habitat for Humanity for Construction of Affordable Housing Residential Unit

Parksville, BC - The City of Parksville has donated land at 745 Humphrey Road to Habitat for Humanity (Mid-Vancouver Island) Society for the immediate construction of an affordable housing residential unit.

Habitat for Humanity Canada is a national, non-profit, faith-based organization working for a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. The mission of the organization is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Founded in 1985, Habitat for Humanity Canada consists of over 35,000 volunteers and 72 affiliate organizations across Canada. Habitat for Humanity International which spans 93 countries has built over 225,000 homes and is now building a new home every 21 minutes. Now, one of these new homes will be built in Parksville at 745 Humphrey Road. Construction is set to begin in early September.

Councillor Al Greir approached Habitat for Humanity in late 2008 and has enthusiastically championed this project with Council. "I hope that as a community, we will rise to the challenge and volunteer to work on this project. This is an amazing opportunity for all of us to do good in our own neighbourhood by constructing a home for a family needing a hand up," said Councillor Greir.

A volunteer recruitment session will be held on July 7 at 7 pm at St Columba Church, 921 Wembley Road, Parksville. This is an opportunity for the community to learn more about volunteering for Habitat for Humanity's Oceanside Project.

Homeowner families are chosen based on three criteria - need, ability to repay and willingness to help. More information is available at Habitat for Humanity, Mid-Vancouver island Society website at www.habitatmvi.org and also the Canadian site at www.habitat.ca

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