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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY BUILDERS Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal Program

The City of Parksville wishes to recognize great Canadians who have made a significant contribution to our community and are looking for community members to nominate exceptional candidates for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

It has been sixty years since the accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The City of Parksville is joining Canadians in celebrating Her Majesty's sixty years of service with a call for nominations from the community. The Governor General of Canada announced the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal program as a way to recognize and celebrate exceptional Canadians of all ages for their contributions to community and country.

The Government of Canada is offering municipalities a unique opportunity to celebrate the people who help build communities. To ensure that communities of all sizes and in every region of the country have the opportunity to participate in the medal program, all of Canada's 3,734 local governments have been invited to nominate a medal recipient and one alternate candidate who has made an exceptional contribution to his/her community. A total of 4,000 medals will be awarded, allocated on the basis of 3,734 for nominations from individual municipalities, 108 from FCM, 108 from Provincial-Territorial Associations and 50 awards to be determined at a later date.

The Council of the City of Parksville is asking members of the community to nominate an exceptional citizen for consideration for a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The Council will then review the nominations received and recommend one candidate and one alternate candidate for award. To be eligible for this honour, a person nominated for Council's consideration:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, but need not necessarily reside in Canada.
- Must have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.
- Must have been alive on February 6, 2012. The medal can be awarded posthumously, as long as the recipient was alive on that date.
- Must currently be a resident or have been previously a resident of Parksville.

Nominations should be submitted on the application form available on the City's website at <u>http://parksville.ca/cms/admin.asp?wplD=434</u> or in hard copy from the administration department at City Hall. Please note that the deadline for submission is 4 pm, July 13, 2012.

To learn more about the Diamond Jubilee, visit <u>http://canadiancrown.gc.ca/eng/1331815428159</u>

Please submit completed application by 4 pm, July 13, 2012, to: Communications, City of Parksville 100 Jensen Avenue East, P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3 Email <u>communications@parksville.ca</u> Phone 250 954-3073

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