

City Proclaims October as Community Inclusion Month in Parksville

Parksville, BC — The City of Parksville has proclaimed October 2014 as "Community Inclusion Month" in Parksville. Community Inclusion Month celebrates the achievements of people with developmental disabilities, including independent living, workplace accomplishments as well as community and social participation.

Community Inclusion Month also recognizes the hard work of individuals, families and community members to create inclusive communities and opportunities for all residents with developmental disabilities. The month is acknowledged annually by the province to raise public and community awareness about the skills and abilities adults with developmental disabilities and their families can bring to community and the work and support municipalities provide to help build more inclusive communities.

"The City of Parksville is pleased to recognize October as Community Inclusion Month," said Mayor Chris Burger, "This campaign celebrates the inclusive, welcoming community we continue to strive for, as well as the accomplishments of our neighbours with developmental disabilities."

The Parksville and District Association for Community Living is planning many events throughout October to celebrate Community Inclusion Month. Information may be found at <u>www.pdacl.ca</u>

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