

City of Parksville February Proclamations

Toastmasters Month

February is Toastmasters Month in Parksville. This program helps people develop skills in speaking, and listening, enhancing leadership potential and promoting self-actualization. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Founded in 1924, the organization currently has more than 332,000 members in 15,400 plus clubs in 135 countries. Each week, Toastmasters helps people of every ethnicity, education level and profession build their competence in communication so they can gain the confidence to lead others. The first Toastmasters club outside the United States was chartered in Victoria in 1935. There are now close to 300 clubs with more than 5,000 members in British Columbia. <http://arbutus.toastmastersclubs.org/>

Chamber of Commerce Week in Parksville

February 20 marks the beginning of Chamber of Commerce Week in the City of Parksville. Joining other communities across British Columbia and at the request of the Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Marc Lefebvre has proclaimed February 20 to February 24 as Chamber of Commerce Week in Parksville.

Chamber of Commerce Week, celebrated annually during the third week in February, recognizes the outstanding contributions that Chambers and Boards of Trade make to communities across the province and is an opportunity for Chambers of Commerce to showcase their work on behalf of business communities.

For the BC Chamber's network of Chambers and Boards, this week is an opportunity to showcase Chambers' activities and advocacy impact and to strengthen community links through open houses, business workshops and other activities.

As well, the Province of BC has proclaimed Chamber of Commerce Week to recognize the unwavering commitment of Chambers and Boards of Trade in supporting local businesses, boosting economic development opportunities and providing vital resources for businesses in our community.

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