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Parksville Volunteers Lift Our Community

Mayor Ed Mayne has proclaimed April 7 to April 13 as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville. The theme for National Volunteer Week in 2019 is *The Volunteer Factor – Lifting Communities* which celebrates and recognizes the impact of volunteers and how they lift our communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity for the City to recognize the contributions of Parksville volunteers in our community. We thank our volunteers and community organizations for their outstanding contribution to our City and also acknowledge volunteers as an important partner with government in providing services to citizens.

Mayor Ed Mayne said, "Volunteers donate their time and good old fashioned elbow grease to our community programs which rely on volunteers to donate their time to help others every single day. We thank and celebrate those people who make a tremendous contribution by volunteering in our community."

Volunteering is often seen as a selfless act; a person gives their time, skills, experience and passion to help others, without expecting anything in return. And while volunteering is a form of service, many volunteers will say, "You get more than you give". From opportunities to develop new skills, to finding deep and meaningful personal connections, the magic of volunteering creates social and economic value for all, for individuals, families, organizations, neighbourhoods, communities and ultimately, for Canada itself. It's the Volunteer Factor!

For more information on Volunteer Week in Canada please see https://volunteer.ca.

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Proclamation

2019 Volunteer Week City of Parksville

WHEREAS, volunteerism in the City of Parksville plays a vital role in strengthening society, creating a sense of cohesion and unity across the City of Parksville; and

WHEREAS, 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing billions of volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Parksville are recognized as an important partner with government in providing services to citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteers of all ages and backgrounds give generously of their talent, energy and their time to assist individuals and families in the community to mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Parksville citizens contribute to the quality of life of their community using their talents and resources to address major issues facing our community; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our City's volunteers is that Parksville is a more desirable place to live, work and play;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Mayne, Mayor, on behalf of City Council, hereby proclaim April 7 to 13, 2019, as Volunteer Week in the City of Parksville and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in the City of Parksville.

Mayor Ed Mayne City of Parksville

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