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### City of Vernon thankful for volunteers during National Volunteer Week

The City of Vernon is celebrating difference makers this week as people across the country mark National Volunteer Week.

“Volunteers are the backbone of a community,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “It never ceases to amaze me how many people in our city step up and work tirelessly to make great things happen when there is a need. Whether it’s working at a large sporting or cultural event, serving on a local board, directly assisting those with needs, or helping with a small fundraising campaign, Vernon is full of driven, compassionate, and generous individuals who just want to make a positive difference – and they’re doing it!”

More than 200 volunteers help the City of Vernon on a regular basis, with approximately 70 people serving on Council Committees and the Tourism Commission, 70 volunteers with Emergency Support Services, and another 70+ volunteers working with the Community Safety Office and RCMP Crime Prevention unit.

“These folks are dedicated to this work,” said Mayor Cumming. “Some of them have been volunteering with the City for more than two decades, providing invaluable expertise, advice and recommendations on a variety of issues to help make this a great place to live. Our RCMP volunteers act as extra eyes and ears on the street to help keep us safe. And it’s all because they love serving their community.”

“So on behalf of the City and Council, *thank you*, to each and every person who volunteers in our city,” added Mayor Cumming. “This is especially important right now as we all navigate the difficulties of a public health emergency. We are seeing many examples of our citizens caring for one another, whether close friends or complete strangers, all in the name of getting through this difficult time together. Each and every one of you is making a difference here in Vernon, and for that, we are grateful.”