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City of Vernon thanks local volunteers during National Volunteer Week

The City of Vernon is thanking the hundreds of residents who, through volunteering, help to make Vernon an incredibly special place to live, work, explore and play.

April 24 - 30 is National Volunteer Week; a time when Canadians from coast, to coast, to coast, celebrate and acknowledge the efforts of countless volunteers and the invaluable contributions they make in service to community.

“Through their everyday efforts and genuine kindness, volunteers help build and strengthen our community,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “It is impossible to imagine Vernon and the North Okanagan without our volunteer community or its service. The selfless actions of each volunteer helps to bring us together in so many ways. Volunteers are at the heart of our community. So, on behalf of the City, I say *thank you* to each and every one of you.”

More than 250 volunteers help the City of Vernon on a regular basis, in a variety of capacities.

These volunteer contributions help make some programs possible in areas such as Emergency Support Services, Protective Services and Community Safety, RCMP Crime Prevention, Recreation Services, and Council committees. This is in addition to all the volunteers in Vernon who serve on various community boards, planning committees for arts, cultural and sporting activities, with non-profit organizations, with social service programs, and much more.

Since 1977, Volunteer Canada has worked closely with volunteer centres, businesses, non-profit organizations, government, and educational institutions to promote volunteerism and provide research, tools and resources.

The theme for this year’s National Volunteer Week is *Volunteering is empathy in action*.