



## Media Release

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### City of Vernon thanks local volunteers during National Volunteer Week

It's impossible to imagine Vernon and the North Okanagan without our volunteer community. Each volunteer helps bring us together in so many ways. The City of Vernon is thanking the hundreds of residents who, through volunteering, help make Vernon an incredibly special place to live, work, explore and play.

April 16 - 22 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.

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.

“When there is a need, citizens in Vernon step up to the plate and serve with enthusiasm... we need not look any further than the recent BC Winter Games as a great example of this,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “In this way, our volunteers reflect what makes Vernon and the North Okanagan an exceptional place.”

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 weaves us together*.