

Mayoral Proclamation National Volunteer Week

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the Canadian population, totalling 24 million individuals, dedicate their time to various forms of volunteering, contributing an impressive number of nearly 5 billion volunteer hours annually; and

WHEREAS, within the community of Okotoks, volunteers serve as mentors to our youth, provide support to those experiencing isolation, enhance the beauty of our natural spaces, and engage in fundraising efforts for charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers in Okotoks have exhibited remarkable resilience by offering aid to families, friends, neighbours, and even strangers, while also advocating against systemic injustices and promoting discussions aimed at fostering a more equitable society; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers in Okotoks represent a diverse array of individuals, including families, workers, retirees, and community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective efforts of our town's volunteers significantly contribute to making Okotoks a more vibrant and desirable place to reside; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to acknowledge the varied roles undertaken by volunteers in our community, ranging from volunteer drivers, day camp volunteers, assistant swim instructors and many more; and

WHEREAS, vital organizations within Okotoks, which include organizations from large and well established programs and events to small agencies doing important work throughout the foothills, rely heavily on the dedication of volunteers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Members of Okotoks Town Council do hereby declare April 14 - 20, 2024, as National Volunteer Week and call upon my fellow citizens to acknowledge and appreciate the indispensable contributions made by volunteers to the betterment of our community.

Dated this 25th day of March 2024

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