



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 24 to 30, 2022

WHEREAS 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS volunteers in Okotoks mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS volunteers in Okotoks have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS Okotoks' volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS the collective result of the work done by our Town's volunteers is that Okotoks is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS volunteering strengthens connection to community and broadens support networks, exposing volunteers to others with common interests, neighbourhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities; and

WHEREAS organizations in Okotoks that rely on volunteers include fundamental organizations from large and well established programs and events to small agencies doing important work throughout the foothills; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tanya Thorn, Mayor of the Town of Okotoks, do hereby proclaim April 24 to 30, 2022, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2022.

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Tanya Thorn
Mayor