

## **Proclamation**

## April 16-22, 2023

## **National Volunteer Week**

**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 Orangeville mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

**Whereas**, volunteers in Orangeville 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,** Orangeville's volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

**Whereas,** the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that Orangeville is a more desirable place to live; and

**Whereas**, volunteers serve on Boards, help host community festivals, stock shelves at the Orangeville Food Bank, deliver meals to seniors, help in schools, plant community gardens; and

**Whereas**, organizations in Orangeville that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations and planning committees as Hills of Headwaters Hospital, Celebrate Your Awesome, Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance, Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival – to name just a few;

**Now Therefore**, I, **Mayor Lisa Post**, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim April 16 - 22, 2023, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Lisa Post Mayor