

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