

Proclamation April 14-20, 2024

National Volunteer Week

Whereas, 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, and locally 2,723 individuals, and 179 member organizations are registered with VolunteerDufferin.ca; and

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

Whereas, the theme for the celebration of National Volunteer Week 2024 is "Every Moment Matters", volunteers in Orangeville share their time, skills, empathy and creativity with each and every contribution they make, at a moment when we need support more than ever before; and

Whereas, volunteers are vital to making a collective impact on the strength, inclusivity, quality of life and well-being of our communities; 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 Town's volunteers is that Orangeville is a more desirable place to live; 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 14 - 20, 2024, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Lisa Post Mayor