



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Volunteer Canada and partners in our community are navigating the complexities of modern volunteerism. They are working together to build a [National Volunteer Action Strategy](#) and remove barriers to participation so that every individual feels empowered to contribute to building more connected communities. Now, it is more important than ever to acknowledge the contributions of those participating in our communities and to show our appreciation for their efforts.

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

WHEREAS, volunteers in *Beaverlodge* have continued to give their time and talents 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, *Beaverlodge'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 *Beaverlodge* is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, organizations in *Beaverlodge* that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as *Beaverlodge Firefighters, Thrift Store, Food Bank, local schools, sports organizations and more*, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Gary Rycroft*, Mayor of *Beaverlodge*, do hereby proclaim April 27 to May 3, 2025, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

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