



College of
New Caledonia

April 4, 2024

Mayor and Council
District of Mackenzie

Dear Mayor Atkinson and Councillors:

Did you know that April 14-20, 2024 is National Volunteer Week? National Volunteer Week is a yearly celebration designed to highlight the significance of volunteerism in Canada. The theme this year is EVERYMOMENT MATTERS (#NVW2024 #EveryMomentMatters), which highlights the importance of every volunteer and the contributions they make, big or small, to our community!

Mackenzie has a long history of volunteers stepping up to help out to make our community a better place to live. Volunteers are involved in putting on events, supporting residents in need, supporting our schools and our not-for-profits and fundraising to keep these organizations running. The volunteers in Mackenzie are a critical component to our community and the sharing of their time, skills, empathy and creativity is vital to promoting inclusivity, strength and the wellbeing of Mackenzie.

The New Horizons Bridging the Gap project under the College of New Caledonia (CNC) Mackenzie Campus would like to ask that the District of Mackenzie honor the volunteers in our community by recognizing and valuing the contribution that they continue to make. Our request would be to proclaim April 14 – 20, 2024 as Mackenzie Volunteer Appreciation Week!

We felt that celebrating our volunteers for the week will bring awareness to all the hours that our volunteers give do to make Mackenzie the great place it is and provide an opportunity to say "Thank You"!

Thank you for your consideration. We have included a suggested proclamation for your reference.

Sincerely,

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MACKENZIE VOLUNTEER WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing close to 2 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in the District of Mackenzie mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mackenzie's volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, people of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our town's volunteers is that the District of Mackenzie is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous organizations in Mackenzie that rely on volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan Atkinson, Mayor of the District of Mackenzie, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2024, as Mackenzie Volunteer Appreciation Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.