



Municipal Proclamation

Volunteer Week - April 19-25, 2026



Volunteer Bénévoles Canada



Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador, along with local and national partners, are navigating the complexities of modern volunteerism. We are working together to build Volunteer Action Strategies for our province and the country to 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 towns and cities 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, over 210,000 individuals in Newfoundland and Labrador volunteer an average of 161 hours per year with 3,400 incorporated non-profits and 3000 plus informal community groups; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers in (your city or town) _____ give their time and talents to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers in (your city or town) _____ are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, the town council of the town of (your city or town) _____ recognizes the enormous contribution that volunteers and community organizations make to the social, cultural and economic development of our province; and
- WHEREAS, (your city or town) _____ is a more desirable place to live because of the collective result of the work done by our volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (mayor's name) _____, Mayor of (your city or town) _____ do hereby proclaim **April 19 to 25, 2026**, as National Volunteer Week, recognizing **the 2026 theme "Igniting Volunteerism"**, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

A SPECIAL NOTE TO THE TOWN CLERK:

To help us better track the number of signed proclamations across NL, will you please notify us by emailing volunteerweek@cscnl.ca? We would love to receive a copy of your signed proclamation and a picture of the signing either by email, or if you post on Facebook, please tag us (Community Sector Council NL).

Town Clerks who do will have their name entered into a draw for a coffee break gift card to show our appreciation.