

City Recognition for the Late Phil St Luke

Since the passing of Phil St Luke on January 13, there has been an outpouring of condolences as citizens share many personal stories and memories of Phil; his impact on the community was immeasurable and he will be missed. Parksville Council wishes to recognize Phil St Luke as an ambassador for the City of Parksville and support the community's wishes for a celebration.

Following the closed meeting on February 6, Council rose and reported on the following resolutions:

- That the City host a celebration of life at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre in spring or summer 2023.
- That staff investigate cost sharing, entertainment and community partnership opportunities for the celebration of life and report back to Council with options.
- That staff prepare a news release and provide opportunity for public engagement on additional ideas for recognition of Phil St Luke on *Let's Talk Parksville*.
- That Council support in principle a statue of Phil St Luke in the City of Parksville, contingent upon funds being raised by the community with a final decision on location, design and role of the City being made after consideration of proposals from community groups.

As indicated in the resolution, staff will provide Council with a suggested plan for a community celebration to be held at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre in the Parksville Community Park. We will consult Phil's family and as plans are confirmed, will advise the public of the arrangements.

Council also wishes to receive ideas and suggestions for further recognition of Mr. St Luke. This opportunity will be provided on the City's engagement platform, *Let's Talk Parksville*, and will be announced once the site has been set up. Until we have more information, should you wish to contribute time or share your thoughts, please email communications@parksville.ca with your name, contact information and how you would like to be involved.

The City is honoured to host an event to recognize the late Phil St Luke and we look forward to sharing the details with the public at the earliest opportunity.

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home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*
