



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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#### RDOS launches volunteer program

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is marking International Volunteer Day (IVD) by formally launching its volunteer program. IVD is a global celebration of volunteers that takes place every year on December 5<sup>th</sup>, to shine a light on the impact of volunteer efforts. Building healthy and cohesive communities is an essential part of the programs and services offered by the RDOS. And it is volunteers, who often play a critical role in making this possible.

The RDOS is working to make volunteering easier and more accessible by further formalizing the current volunteer program. "Volunteerism and a strong sense of community go hand-in-hand, especially in smaller communities," says RDOS Chair Karla Kozakevich. "The RDOS has been fortunate to have such a diverse and passionate volunteer base for many years."

The RDOS offers a variety of inclusive volunteer opportunities within areas such as parks & recreation, emergency management and committees. Volunteering allows you to connect with your community while sharing your skills, supporting others and having fun. In addition to contributing time and expertise, there are many other benefits including gaining valuable work experience, expanding your social networks and staying physically and mentally active. Volunteerism also promotes a sense of belonging and even increases happiness levels. Visit the [RDOS YouTube channel](#) to watch the new volunteer video.

If you're interested in exploring volunteer opportunities, please contact the RDOS for more information.

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