



Mayor and Members of Council,

In Canada, 13.3 million people volunteer; one in three people give freely of their time. In Hamilton, 56% of people volunteer. That is truly exceptional! April 21-27, 2013, is the 71st anniversary of National Volunteer Week. This week is set aside each year to honor and thank volunteers around Hamilton Ontario and Canada for the time and energy they contribute to causes that benefit our communities. National Volunteer Week is also an opportunity to promote the benefits of volunteering to individuals and society as a whole.

The Hamilton Administrators of Volunteers represents a network of leaders of volunteers in the great community of Hamilton. Many of these leaders of volunteers and their organizations have planned activities to mark the week in various parts of Hamilton.

We would truly appreciate it if during an upcoming Council meeting that you could share with Council members how important it is to recognize the value of volunteers in our community and to strive to support and congratulate those programs that are powered by volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support,

Melanie Barlow
President, Hamilton Administrators of Volunteers

The theme for the 2013 National Volunteer Week is "Volunteers Cast a Beautiful Shadow"

