

## Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District Recognizing Volunteers Together Initiative Guidelines

**Vision:** To support organizations in the Parkland Valley District in regionally recognizing and thanking volunteers for their valued contributions.

**Initiative Purpose:** To thank and provide public recognition of the importance and value volunteers provide in the areas of sport, culture, and recreation.

**Target Groups:** Sport, culture and recreation sector volunteers of all ages who reside within the Parkland Valley District boundaries.

## **Initiative Guidelines**

- 1. Complete and submit the online Nomination Form by our deadline of Tuesday, September 30, 2025.
- 2. Parkland Valley District will adjudicate all nominations. Decisions are final.
- **3.** The adjudication process will take into consideration: the number of volunteer nominations and their overall impact on the community/region.
- **4.** One nominee (individual) will be selected for each of the following categories: Sport, Culture, and Recreation.

## **Category definitions:**

**Sport -** Involves organized physical activity or athletics (e.g., coaching, officiating, managing teams, organizing tournaments, supporting athletes).

**Culture -** Involves artistic, creative, or heritage-based activities (e.g., organizing cultural events, supporting arts programs, preserving local history, promoting diversity and cultural awareness).

**Recreation -** Involves community activities that promote leisure, wellness, or active living outside of competitive sport (e.g., leading fitness or wellness programs, organizing community events, maintaining trails or green spaces, coordinating youth/adult recreation programs).

- 5. Each award recipient will designate an organization or program to receive \$300.
- **6.** Parkland Valley District will recognize each award recipient by visiting their community to present the recognition in person. Our team will take photos, celebrate their contribution, and present a \$300 cheque to an organization of their choosing.

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