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Senior Volunteers Acknowledged and Celebrated

Cambridge, Ontario. Wednesday, April 21, 2010...Cambridge City Council and staff at the City of Cambridge 50+ Recreation Centres today will recognize the several hundred aged 50+ adults who volunteer their time in association with the David Durward Centre, Allen Reuter Centre and/or the Ted Wake Lounge. The event is slated for 1pm to 4pm at the United Kingdom Club located at 35 International Village Drive in Cambridge.

"Our volunteers are a significant part of who we are as a community and it's fitting to recognize and pay tribute to the important work they do," says Mayor Craig.

Volunteer positions are numerous and include: serving as hosts/hostesses; members of special events committees; helping with activities like line dancing; engaging in clubs such as the Ancient Mariners, bridge, travel and shuffle board; and serving on various boards of directors.

Volunteers will be treated to light appetizers followed by a live theatre presentation called "Move Over Mrs. Markham". They will also be presented with an appreciation gift from the City of Cambridge as well as be eligible to win several door prizes donated by Cambridge based businesses.

"Volunteers put their unique stamp on community events, groups and activities and add to the richness of the experience for everyone," adds Mayor Craig.

It is estimated that almost 900 volunteers work with the City of Cambridge, many of them seniors. This past Monday, Cambridge City Council paid tribute to the long serving volunteers and those volunteers serving on advisory committees at its regular council meeting in Historic City Hall.

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About Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

About the Corporation of the City of Cambridge

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is a dynamic organization filled with dedicated people who deliver vital municipal services to you. Services that residents, businesses, visitors and people like your family and friends enjoy. We're a comprehensive team of professionals: engineers, financial specialists, skilled trades, administrative experts, customer service, communications - and the list goes on.

We're proud to be part of the systems that bring you the array of services that citizens in Cambridge need:

- Parks and recreation
- Activities and programs like pools, seniors' centres, community centres, arenas and other facilities
- Sports programs and all the needs related to playing fields, like indoor soccer, baseball diamonds and other amenities
- Events
- Farmers' Market
- Cemetery services
- Road programs
- Leaf pick up services
- Winter maintenance services
- Water and sewer services
- Fire, emergency and related services
- By-laws and enforcement
- Tax administration
- Licensing for businesses, lotteries, marriage, dogs, and other services like applications for birth, death and marriage certificates, notarizing or commissioning of documents
- Archival research
- Economic Development and business support programs
- Tourism support to share opportunities to showcase the festivals and help bring visitors in to support retail and other elements of the economy
- Administration of committees, steering groups and advisory groups
- Planning and development services
- Traffic and parking services
- Ensuring the best security, police, transit, garbage, water processing service, utilities, animal control are in place.
- Libraries and galleries
- Centre for the arts
- Accessibility matters
- Council services including things like supporting the up coming needs of our residents for the Oct 2010 municipal elections

It's a multitude of services and we continue to refine and review them to ensure we deliver the services in the most effective, efficient, and proactive ways.

In 2010 we are undergoing a corporate service review. This is a further check and balance system to seeking improvements - like better technologies to simplify processes or realigning how we operate. The comprehensive review is happening this year with a view to providing a report to Council for consideration. The report will be available by year end and will be addressed by the newly elected council for the 2011 budget.

For more information on the area or the corporation visit www.cambridge.ca

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