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RE: VON Week proclaimed

**AMHERST, Nova Scotia** – The week of May 22 to May 28, 2022, has been proclaimed VON Week in the Town of Amherst.

“VON Canada has served this country for 125 years, while VON site nurses, home support workers, other staff and volunteers have been caring for the lives and well-being of Amherst and area residents for 84 years,” Mayor David Kogon said on May 20, 2022, as he signed the proclamation on behalf of the Amherst town council.



MAYOR DAVID KOGON SIGNS A PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 22 TO MAY 28, 2022, TO BE VON WEEK IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST. (TOM McCOAG / TOWN OF AMHERST)

“In proclaiming VON Week, we are acknowledging the incredible care VON staff and volunteers deliver to keep people healthy and safe at home. That recognition is even more important as we continue to experience the COVID-19 pandemic because they are right in the thick of it.





“I would encourage all residents of the surrounding area to support the VON in our communities by going online and virtually thanking them for their service and by financially supporting VON Cumberland’s charitable programs.”

VON Week is an “opportunity to recognize the resilience, courage and strength of VON staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to provide caring support to those who need it most in the face of diverse challenges,” Mona Teed, senior manager VON Cumberland County, said.

“We are proud to be part of an organization that has been making a difference in people’s lives for 125 years. In fact, VON is Canada’s longest serving charitable organization offering home and community care. We are proud to be supporting the health and safety of Cumberland County.

“We look forward to safely celebrating our incredible home support workers, nurses, community support services and other support staff, along with our volunteers, who all make a lasting difference in our community every day.”

As part of VON Week, the VON flag will fly over the town during the week.

VON Cumberland is part of VON Canada, where 6,400 employees and 6,200 volunteers help Canadians stay healthy, live well and remain active. And, together with clients and their families, VON contributes to the health and improved quality of life of Canadians in their homes and communities, where they want to be. VON is accredited with Exemplary Standing by Accreditation Canada.

VON Cumberland employs about 150 people, including nurses, continuing-care assistants, client-service associates, management and administrative staff. They provide in-home support and nursing throughout Cumberland County, we well as Meals on Wheels, transportation and Vial of Life throughout Cumberland County.

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