The Eldercare Foundation and the UVic Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health will mark the United Nation’s International Day of Older Persons on October 1, 2018 with the presentation of the Valued Elder Recognition Award (VERA). The award, first presented in October 2000, recognizes and honours individuals who, over their lifetime, have given exemplary service to helping others in the Capital Regional District. Recipients are further acknowledged with a plaque at the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:

By signing, I understand that information submitted in this nomination package may be shared in public communications about the VERA. I agree to stand for this nomination:

Print Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR:

The nominator is responsible for ensuring the completeness of the nomination application. Please provide only one nomination per agency.

Print Name: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Nominating Agency: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________
VERA CRITERIA:

1. The nominee must have made an exemplary contribution within the Capital Regional District (CRD) for a **minimum of 10 years** and must not have been paid for the contributions for which they are being honoured.

2. While the contributions must have been made within the CRD, the nominee need not currently reside in the CRD. For the complete list of CRD municipalities, visit our website or call 250-721-6369.

3. The contributions made by the nominee must be described in at least four (4) letters of support from agencies or individuals in the community.

4. The nominator must provide one of the letters of support which includes information about the nominee and the criteria listed below.

5. The nominee has not received this award in previous years.

6. Posthumous awards are not given.

**NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:**

Please include the following information as a separate biography.

1. Personal information
   - Name
   - Municipality in which you live
   - Full address with postal code
   - Phone number
   - Email address

2. With which agencies in the CRD do or did you volunteer? For each agency, please provide:
   - A start date and, if still volunteering, say ongoing, or give an end date
   - What do you or did you do there?
   - How many hours do or did you volunteer each week?
   - Why do or did you volunteer there?
   - What do you see as the benefits of this organization to the community?

3. Have you volunteered in any other communities?
   - Name(s) of agencies and communities
   - For how long did you volunteer at each agency?
   - What did you do at each agency?

4. What was your pre-retirement occupation?

5. Is there any other information you would like to share? Do you have any special talents or hobbies?

**NOMINATOR AND SUPPORTER INFORMATION:**

**NOMINATOR:** Only one nominator is required. Please include a letter of support and the following information for yourself: name, agency, relationship to nominee, phone number, email address and mailing address.

**SUPPORTERS:** A minimum of three additional supporters are required. Letters of support must be received by the nomination deadline, July 20, 2018, and include the following information: supporter’s name, agency, relationship to nominee, return address, phone number and email address.

The Guidelines for a Letter of Support can be found on the [Valued Elder Recognition Award page of our website](#), or by calling our office at 250-721-6369.

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**Nomination Checklist:**

- Ensure nominee meets award criteria
- The nominee has signed this form
- Nominee’s biographic information is attached
- Photograph of nominee is attached
- The nominator has signed this form
- Nominator’s letter of support, including contact information
- Minimum of 3 additional letters of support

**Submission deadline:**

**July 20, 2018**

**Save the date!**

**Awards ceremony:**

**Monday,**

**October 1, 2018**