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Small Grants Available for Neighbourhood Projects

ABBOTSFORD, BC, January 15, 2016 – The City of Abbotsford in partnership with Abbotsford Community Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation is pleased to introduce the new Neighbourhood Spirit Small Grants Funds Program, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

The Neighbourhood Spirit Small Grants Funds Program provides funding for small projects that help residents become more connected and engaged with their neighbourhoods.

“Small projects can have a huge impact on a community,” said Braun. “Partnering with the Vancouver Foundation and Abbotsford Community Foundation to create a small grants program for our residents is another step in the right direction for achieving our strategic goal of ensuring Abbotsford is a Complete Community. These small grants will help create inclusive and connected neighbourhoods, build community capacity, and increase safety and vibrancy.”

“We are excited to build a more connected and engaged community in Abbotsford by strengthening the relationships in local neighbourhoods,” said Lidia Kemeny, Director of Partnerships at Vancouver Foundation. “The neighbourhood projects are paving the way to draw on the expertise of volunteers and caring community champions to build a more connected and engaged city.”

“This program will not only support initiatives in local neighbourhoods but it will bring people together and strengthen their sense of belonging to their neighbourhood and to their city,” said Susan McAlevy, Abbotsford Community Foundation Executive Director. “Whatever the project, the result will be stronger relationships that will serve that neighbourhood and its residents long after the project is complete.”

All residents and community champions with an idea to help support their neighbourhoods or increase the livability near where they live can apply for these grants. Grants will be offered in amounts from \$500 - \$1,000 dollars and are available in four categories:

- Community Connections
- Neighbourhood Beautification
- Child and Youth Engagement
- Neighbourhood Safety

To apply for a Neighbourhood Spirit Small Grant, or to read the guidelines, visit www.abbotsford.ca/neighbourhoods.

For more information about the Neighbourhood Spirit Small Grants Funds Program, or to get help with a project or idea, contact the Community Developer at 604-557-1464 or commdevelopment@abbotsford.ca.

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