



Barb Strachan

Citizen of the Year Award

Barb Strachan has lived in Mission for 20 years and has been an active volunteer for the past 10 years. She is being recognized today as the Citizen of the Year in appreciation of the time she has dedicated to various organizations, including Mission Community Services Crisis Line, Stave Valley Salmonid Enhancement Society, Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition, Climate Action Advisory Committee and Mission Rotary Clubs.

Barb has been a member of Mission's Social Development Commission since its inception, participating in the 40 Developmental Assets and Town Squares working groups. One of her favourite projects was the creation of The Rain Garden, a storm water management park located at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Grand Street.

The organizations in which Barb is involved know her as a steadfast supporter of community projects. Whether a task involves the physical labour of planting native plants, the organizational skills of chairing meetings, the creativity of establishing educational displays, or the energy required for fundraising, Barb is invariably the first to volunteer and the last to leave an event. In just the past year, Barb has planted more than 4,000 native plants, spoken to elementary school students about ethical decision making, and re-established the Mission chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

While her experience, wisdom, and good nature make her indispensable, Barb says that she always gets more back than she gives from her commitments, particularly in her role with the Mission Community Services Crisis Line. Barb is an inspiration to others to participate more in their community.