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## **District of Oak Bay News Release**

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### **Margaret Isabel Craig Inducted to the Oak Bay Wall of Fame**

The District of Oak Bay is pleased to announce that Margaret Isabel Craig has been inducted (posthumously) to the Oak Bay Wall of Fame.

Isabel Craig began her work in recreation in Oak Bay as a volunteer Block Mother in the playground at Willows Park in 1952. She went on to be appointed to the first Recreation Commission and then to become Oak Bay's first full-time Recreation Director in 1967. Isabel was instrumental in the development of Windsor Park, Henderson Park, a Senior Citizen Centre (now the Monterey Recreation Centre) and the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Isabel served on Oak Bay Council as an "Alderman" for eleven years. Upon her retirement in 1985, the Social Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre was renamed the Isabel Craig Lounge.

"We are incredibly pleased and proud to induct Isabel Craig to the Wall of Fame, said Mayor Nils Jensen. She worked tirelessly to make Oak Bay the wonderful community we enjoy today and this tribute will ensure that her efforts and commitment are always remembered." Monty Holding, Chair of the Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission added, "Citizens of Oak Bay should be incredibly grateful that people like Isabel Craig had the vision and foresight to build the parks and recreation facilities that we so much appreciate today."

The Oak Bay Parks, Recreation & Culture Wall of Fame has been established as a means to honour individuals who have been instrumental in the development of Oak Bay's parks, facilities and programs and who have exercised extraordinary commitment to the community.

Isabel is the ninth person to be inducted into the Wall of Fame. She will be formally recognized at the Oak Bay Municipal Dinner on May 25<sup>th</sup> and will then be permanently recognized on the Wall of Fame at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre.

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