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# **ROTARY IN** ACTION



#### THANK YOU DR BONNIE HENRY

On June 17, we inducted B.C.'s provincial health officer as an honorary Rotarian and presented her with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition on behalf of the club. Lizz Kelly, president-elect of the Royal City Rotary Club, presented Dr. Henry with the honour, while members of Royal City Rotary and the Rotary Club of New Westminster attended the online presentation.

The Royal City Rotary Club selected Dr. Henry to receive this recognition because her work exemplifies the humanitarian objectives of The Rotary Foundation, Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Fellow acknowledges the contributions of Rotary members and supporters of The Rotary Foundation who have brought positive change to communities in need.

"Dr. Henry, your own personal experience as part of the WHO/UNICEF polio-eradication program in Pakistan demonstrates you share Rotary's mission to eliminate the polio virus from the

world," Kelly said. "This is something Rotary and its partners have been working on since 1985."

Dr. Henry told local Rotarians she is touched and honoured to receive the Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

"I am well aware that it was Rotary Canada that started the polio-eradication program and was instrumental in raising the money to start it in Latin America and South America, and we were actually able to control polio there, and the impetus for the partnership with the WHO around the eradication program," she said of the World Health Organization.

B.C. is working on keeping the number of cases "low and slow" and to prevent any rapid spread of COVID-19.

"When the virus is anywhere, we really are at risk everywhere," Dr. Henry said. "We really have to keep up some of the basic things until we have a vaccine. ... We cannot let our guard down."

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