



## COUNTRY 105'S DOUG VERONELLY ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

**CALGARY, August 30, 2016** - Best known for his long admired, award-winning career in country radio, **Doug Veronelly** is retiring from his morning role as host on **Country 105's *The Odd Squad***. Veronelly started his radio career in the 1970's in pop radio before making the move to country where he's played a vital role in the Calgary country music scene for the past 24 years. A special ***Farewell to Doug*** show will later be announced both on-air and online giving listeners a chance to wish him well on Country 105.

"Doug's open mind, large radio presence, and stability has allowed *The Odd Squad* to grow into what it is today," says **Phil Kallsen, Program Director, Country 105**. "We send a heartfelt thank you to Doug for his many years as part of the Country 105 family and wish him all the best on his retirement."

As vital members of the community, Veronelly and *The Odd Squad* regularly volunteer at a number of charity events each year. Most recently, *The Odd Squad* raised 1.6 million dollars through the station's ***Caring for Kids Radiothon*** which benefits the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. *The Odd Squad* is also a **14-time** winner of the Canadian Country Music Association's Major Market Personality of the Year award and in 2005, Veronelly won the Country Music Association award for International Personality of the Year.

"It's a bittersweet ending for me. Leaving my radio family is hard but at the same time, I am very happy to be able to spend more quality time with my family at home," says **Doug Veronelly, Co-Host, The Odd Squad**. "I thank everyone at Country 105 and all of our listeners for their support and kindness over the last two decades. It's been a great run."

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