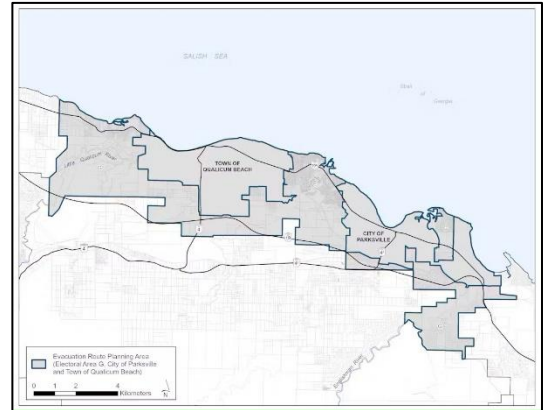


Parksville-Qualicum Beach Community Update

Evacuation Route Planning!

The City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and Regional District of Nanaimo have been working together to develop an evacuation route plan for RDN Electoral Area G, the City and the Town. Identifying local knowledge of hazards and potential evacuation barriers is vital to effective route planning. A Community Emergency Preparedness grant of \$88,500 from the Government of British Columbia is fully funding this evacuation route planning project. The funding enables the project partners to identify strategies and evacuation methods for a coordinated multi-agency evacuation response.



As part of the planning process, impacted and affected residents and groups were invited to provide their input through a survey in May. Thank you to everyone who took time to provide their input during this important project. We appreciate the thoughtful comments and questions that were provided and are working to incorporate them into our evacuation planning.

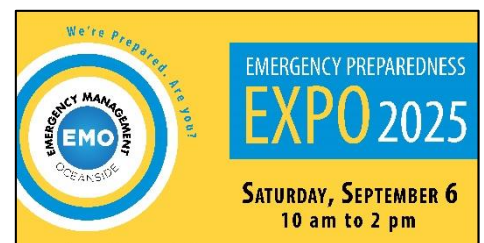
The evacuation route planning project is still underway and is scheduled for completion in July. Keep a watch on your local government websites for the published plan and mapping.

For more information about the project, evacuation planning resources and to sign up to receive project updates, visit:

[RDN Get Involved](#)
[Let's Talk Parksville](#)

Emergency Preparedness Expo

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6 for our Emergency Preparedness Expo 2025, a free fun way to learn about being prepared and the many resources that are available to Oceanside residents from local first responders, government agencies, emergency supply vendors, utilities, and emergency partners. Expo will also feature drop-in workshops, kids' activities, Quake Cottage and more. **Saturday, September 6 from 10 am to 2 pm** at the **Qualicum Beach Civic Centre**. Details will be posted at this [link](#).



UBCM Emergency Operations Centre Grant

Emergency Management Oceanside was successful in securing \$80,000 grant funding from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. The grant will support enhancing emergency operations centre supplies, critical training for municipal staff who may work in our emergency operations centre, and an emergency operations centre activation exercise. We look forward to keeping you updated with the progress of our grant activities!

Summer Preparedness

The warmer summer months are here and with that the hazards we may experience change. Let's all be aware of the risks of extreme heat and wildfire and take some easy steps to prepare.



- Now is a great time of year to check your home emergency kits and pack a grab and go bag in your car. Follow these tips to make sure your supplies are ready [Build an emergency kit and grab-and-go bag - Province of British Columbia](#)
- Talk with your family and neighbours about your emergency preparedness plans. How would you get in touch with your family if you were required to evacuate during a workday?
- Check in on neighbours and family members who are vulnerable to heat. Elderly people, pregnant people, young children, and people with pre-existing health conditions are susceptible to extreme heat.
- Know the signs of heat illness.
- Make a plan to stay cool.

Plan to Stay Cool this Summer

Plan to stay cool before you need to use it! Try to answer the following questions before you need to activate your extreme heat plan.

- ✓ Who can you ask for help?
- ✓ Can you stay at home if it gets extremely hot this summer?
- ✓ Where is the coolest space in your home?
- ✓ How can you prepare yourself and your home to stay safe?

Listed below are some suggestions for how you can stay cool:

- Reconfigure your sleeping location to the coolest area of the house.
- Reach out to someone you trust who can help you stay safe in extreme heat.
- Close curtains and blinds.
- Keep windows closed between 10am and 8pm. Open windows at 8pm to let cooler air in and use fans to move cooler air through your house.
- Ensure digital thermometers have batteries.
- Relocate to a cooler location if you have planned to do so.
- Stay hydrated.
- Take cooling showers.
- Use portable air conditioners to cool at least one room in your house.
- Fans cannot effectively reduce body temperatures, so are not suitable as a primary cooling method during extreme heat.
- Know where the cooling spaces are in your community.
 - Active cooling locations in our region will be listed on your local government website and social media. Paper copies of maps will also be available at municipal government offices.

We found an excellent resource from the Vancouver Foundation with low-cost solutions for renters, how to keep cool at home without air conditioning and information about heat related illness. As well, a helpful infographic from the Government of Canada on how to stay healthy in the heat.

- [Preparing for Extreme Heat Events](#)
- [How to Stay Healthy in the Heat](#)

Voyent Alert!

Voyent Alert! Is our community emergency notification system. Unlike the broadcast intrusive alerts issues by the province for Amber Alerts, we cannot send a Voyent Alert! notification to you unless you register with the program. You can choose how you would like to receive notifications: email, landline or app notification. Registration for Voyent Alert! is free. Go to [Voyent Alert! \(voyent-alert.com\)](https://voyent-alert.com) to sign up today.

Contact Kate at kpocock@parksville.ca 250 954-4672 or Shinjini at smehta@qualicumbeach.com if you have questions about the system or registration process.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Qualicum Beach

Town Hall is open from 8.30 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

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City offices are open to the public from 8 am to 4 pm and the operations department from 8 am to 4 pm, closed noon to 1 pm. Contact information:

General inquiries, planning and finance departments	250 248-6144; info@parksville.ca
Administration and Office of the Mayor	250 954-3060; administration@parksville.ca
Engineering	250 951-2484; engineering@parksville.ca
Operations	250 248-5412; ops@parksville.ca
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