

City to Host Community Open House on November 12 Master Transportation Plan

Over the past six months, the City of Parksville has been working to update the 2002 Master Transportation Plan to identify key transportation issues within the City. The Transportation Plan Study and the Downtown Core Area Parking Study are included in the overall Master Transportation Plan review and update. The updated plan will identify strategies to improve the ability of Parksville's residents to meet personal transportation needs, while aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve road safety, develop accessible infrastructure and improve community well-being.

Public review and comment continues to be a key component of Parksville's transportation decision-making process. A walkabout/bikeabout to explore Parksville's transportation network and a community open house were held in June. With this input and additional work with the consultant, Boulevard Transportation Group, the City's engineering and operations department is pleased to provide another opportunity for public participation and input on November 12 from 4 to 8 pm at Knox United Church.

The City of Parksville encourages all residents to attend this final open house for the Master Transportation Plan on November 12. Michael Skene, EngL, ASCT, president of the Boulevard Transportation Group will make presentations at 5 pm and 7 pm. The consultants and City of Parksville engineering staff will answer questions and receive your comments about the plans.

Visual displays will include options for downtown road network, cycling and pedestrian network improvements, downtown parking, intersection improvements and road upgrades. Downtown road options will be presented:

- Option A Hwy 19A Two Way (4 Lane) and Jensen Extension Two Way (2 Lane)
- Option B Hwy 19A and Jensen Two Way (2 Lane)
- Option C Hwy 19A One Way West Bound (2 Lane) and Jensen Extension One Way East Bound (2 Lane)

The purpose of the Master Transportation Plan is to:

- document and review current conditions
- make recommendations for future transportation requirements in consideration of the City of Parksville development plans
- provide a basis for adopting innovative, sustainable approaches to all modes of transportation
- update the Long Term Capital Plan for funding and construction of recommended improvements.

WHO: All City of Parksville residents
WHAT: Open House to Review Master Transportation Plan
WHERE: Knox United Church, 345 Pym Street, Parksville
WHEN: November 12, 2009 from 4 pm to 8 pm
Presentations at 5 pm and 7 pm
WHY: Comments and input are important - the more input received, the more the updated transportation plan will reflect the needs of the community.

About Boulevard Transportation Group

Boulevard has extensive expertise working with public and private sector clients and community stakeholders developing logical, accessible transportation plans, and supportive, inclusive policies and practices. Boulevard Transportation Group is recognized for innovative planning that integrates emerging technologies and proven best practices with a human centred approach.

Residents are encouraged to attend this final open house as feedback is an integral part of this process. This open house will provide a meaningful opportunity for all residents to have their voices heard.

Open house notice, click the following link: [Notice](#)

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