



NEWS RELEASE

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City of Parksville Hosts Master Transportation Plan Open House

PARKSVILLE, BC: On November 12, the City of Parksville hosted an open house, providing the community with the opportunity to review the work being done by Boulevard Transportation Group on the City's Master Transportation Plan and Downtown Core Area Parking Study. Over 400 residents attended the open house and presentations. This open house was a key component of Parksville's transportation decision-making process and is a follow up to the walkabout/bikeabout and community open house held earlier this year.

Community comments and input are important to the success of the updated transportation plan. The City encourages residents to review the information presented at the November 12 open house and provide comments to the City by Friday, November 20. A copy of the consultant's presentation along with copies of the visual displays provided at the open house is available on the City's website at <http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=286>. The resident feedback form is also available on the website and hard copies of the feedback form may be picked up at City Hall.

The displays include options for downtown road network, cycling and pedestrian network improvements, downtown parking, intersection improvements and road upgrades. The downtown road options were presented and are also available on the website for review.

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.

Because feedback is an integral part of this process, the City encourages residents to review the information on the website and provide comments and feedback by November 20.

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