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## **Parksville Will Receive Coat of Arms in Ceremony on December 6**

**Parksville, BC** – On Monday, December 6, a presentation ceremony will be held to recognize the granting of the City of Parksville's Coat of Arms. Residents are invited to participate in this historic event beginning with a brief Council meeting and *State of the City* address by Mayor Ed Mayne. The presentation of the Coat of Arms, to be followed by a reception, will be held in the Forum, City of Parksville, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre starting at 6 pm.

Just over a year ago, the request for granting of armorial bearings to the Governor General's office was made by the City. Grants of armorial bearings or coat of arms are honours from the Canadian Crown. The coat of arms of the City of Parksville is the original concept of Robert D Watt, Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order, Rideau Herald Emeritus, when he was the Chief Herald of Canada. The concept has been completed and granted by his successor, Dr Claire Boudreau, assisted by the heralds of the Canadian Heraldic Authority. The City is fortunate that the Letters Patent will be presented by Robert Watt.

"The design of the coat of arms is a unique and striking expression of Parksville's geography, economy and history. On behalf of City Council, it is my pleasure to invite residents to attend the ceremony on December 6; an opportunity to celebrate the City's history and those things that make our City so special," said Mayor Ed Mayne.

### **Presentation ceremony of the City's Coat of Arms by the Canadian Heraldic Authority:**

Monday, December 6 at 6 pm

The Forum, City of Parksville, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre

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