

## City of Parksville - Mayor for a Day Essay Contest

### *What would you do if you were Mayor for a day?*

Are you between the ages of 11 and 18, a Parksville resident or attend a school in Parksville? Here's your opportunity to be heard! Write an essay that tells us what you would do if you were Parksville's Mayor; what you would do to make Parksville the best city on Vancouver Island.

Parksville Council is providing youth ages 11 to 18 with the opportunity to speak their minds during the Mayor for a Day contest. One youth will be selected from the entries submitted to be Mayor for a Day and will serve as honorary mayor with the opportunity to meet with City leaders, tour City facilities including the Parksville Fire Department and of course, work alongside Acting Mayor Chris Burger for the day. The Mayor for a Day schedule will be subject to approval by his/her parents.

This initiative recognizes Youth Week BC (May 1-7, 2011) when the winning essay will be announced as well as Local Government Awareness Week (May 15-21, 2011) when the winner will attend a Council meeting in an honorary capacity to read the winning essay for the public. The winning essay will be chosen by members of City of Parksville Council and will be published on the City's website.

### Contest guidelines:

- Contest is open to Parksville youth ages 11 to 18; either Parksville residents or students attending school in Parksville.
- Please limit the length of the essay to no more than 500 words. Page should be single spaced using a 12 point font. Handwritten essays should be on ruled paper.
- Include your name, age, grade, address and phone number.
- Essays are due on or before April 22. Essays received after this date will not be accepted.
- Essays become the property of the City of Parksville and will not be returned.

Please submit your essay:

Email [communications@parksville.ca](mailto:communications@parksville.ca)  
Drop off Administration, City of Parksville, 100 Jensen Avenue East  
Mail Administration, City of Parksville, P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3

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