

Town Hall Style Parksville Council Meeting - May 23

On Wednesday, May 23, the Council of the City of Parksville will hold a "town hall style" Council meeting. The meeting will be held in the Ballenas High School Theatre beginning at 7 pm.

One of Council's strategic planning goals is "to manage information and decision making processes to be inclusive, transparent, accountable and responsive." This town hall style meeting is one way that the City of Parksville can provide an opportunity for citizens to effectively engage with their local government for the betterment of the community. The meeting format will include an introduction of Mayor and Council, welcoming comments by the Mayor, brief staff presentations on topics determined for the meeting and a question and answer opportunity for residents.

The purpose of a town hall style Council meeting is to provide Parksville Council with a less formal opportunity to discuss specific topics with residents. This meeting will follow the format of a regular Council meeting and residents will be given the opportunity to voice concerns and preferences for their community on set agenda items. The Mayor in collaboration with Council and staff will propose the agenda for this meeting.

Said Mayor Burger, "Council looks forward to hosting this town hall style Council meeting and we hope residents will be keen to participate in this more interactive and conversational Council meeting." Burger also added, "We hope that by holding this meeting at Ballenas, our youth will be curious and decide to engage as well."

The week of May 20 to May 26 is Local Government Awareness Week, a partnership between UBCM, CivicInfo BC, the Local Government Management Association, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Ministry of Education, Public Works Association and BC School Trustees Association. The goal for this week is to generate awareness and educate the public about the roles and responsibilities of local government and encourage the public to participate in local government processes.

WHO	Residents of Parksville
WHAT	Town Hall Style Parksville Council Meeting
WHEN	Wednesday, May 23 at 7 pm
WHERE	Ballenas High School Theatre, 135 North Pym Road
WHY	Encourage citizen participation and engage the community in two-way communication

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