

Parksville OCP at Craig Street Market on July 31

The City of Parksville's Official Community Plan (OCP) review will make an appearance at the *Summer by the Sea Craig Street Market* on Tuesday, July 31. Consultants from the firm, Urban Systems, are working with the community to complete this important planning document which will have an impact on the future growth and development of Parksville for years to come. Urban Systems will staff the booth on July 31 and will be available to answer questions about the OCP, as well as encouraging members of the public to participate in a unique "sand dollar" spending exercise.

July 31 is the next chance for residents to ask questions or share their thoughts on how the community should grow and evolve; discussion themes will focus on transportation, natural environment, land use, parks and recreation, economic development and people. Also available at the booth will be information on where we are in the OCP update process including input and information gathered to date.

Everyone is familiar with the need to set priorities and budget accordingly in our daily lives; the Official Community Plan is an opportunity to bring this experience into municipal life. By sharing opinions and ideas, citizens can identify priorities for the community and help Council decide how to budget limited tax dollars. Parksville residents will have the chance to review the projects and initiatives that have been identified through the public consultation process and even choose how they would spend their limited resources using "sand dollars".

###

For more information:

Debbie Tardiff, Communications Officer

250 954-3073