

## Parksville Council to Host Town Hall Meeting on November 19

On Monday, November 19, the Council of the City of Parksville will host a town hall Council meeting at Knox United Church. The Council meeting will begin at 6 pm followed by the town hall meeting at 7 pm, when Council will invite residents to participate in the discussion of several important topics and current issues.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide Council with a less formal opportunity to discuss specific topics with residents. The meeting format will include brief staff presentations on topics determined for the meeting, followed by a question-and-answer opportunity for residents to voice concerns and preferences on these topics. The Mayor in collaboration with Council and staff will propose the meeting agenda which will be posted on the City website by November 16.

One of Council's strategic planning goals is "to manage information and decision making processes to be inclusive, transparent, accountable and responsive." Town hall meetings are one way that the City is able to provide an opportunity for citizens to effectively engage with their local government for the betterment of the community. This meeting follows the successful town hall meeting held on May 23 at the Ballenas Secondary School Theatre, at which residents provided input to Council on issues such as resident-only parking signs and the keeping of backyard chickens in Parksville.

Mayor Burger noted, "The town hall meeting in May was an extremely positive experience for Council because so many residents were passionate about the issues under discussion. We are certainly looking forward to engaging in this kind of interactive dialogue again. "

WHO	Residents of Parksville
WHAT	Town Hall Parksville Council Meeting
WHEN	Monday, November 19 6 pm - Council meeting 7 pm - Town hall meeting
WHERE	Knox United Church, 345 Pym Street
WHY	Encourage participation and engage the community in discussion

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