

Get Up Close and Personal with Emergency Preparedness

Parksville, BC – Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is an annual event held across Canada during the first week of May. EP week from May 4 to May 10 will be recognized in Oceanside with a regional approach to a number of activities which include emergency operations and communications demonstrations on Monday, May 5 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre.

The goal of EP Week for the City of Parksville is to raise awareness of the importance of being prepared - personally, as a family and in the workplace. Three simple steps can help us prepare for all types of emergencies - have an emergency kit, make an emergency plan and identify risks where we live. EP week focuses on helping individuals prepare to cope on their own for at least the first 72 hours of an emergency.

Said Mayor Chris Burger, "While emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility among all levels of governments, preparing ultimately starts at home. We encourage residents to take some time on May 5 to check out your local governments' preparedness."

May 5 Activities - 9 am to 3 pm

In conjunction with the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Town of Qualicum Beach, the City of Parksville will open the emergency operations centre to the public. This is an opportunity to see firsthand how your local government prepares for emergencies. As well, this is an opportunity to ask questions specific to how you and your family can prepare.

There will be displays in the Atrium with an Emergency Support Services (ESS) registration centre and an Emergency Communications Team (ECT) display. The ESS and ECT displays will be set up behind the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre and the emergency operations centre will be in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville.

On behalf of the Town of Qualicum Beach and the Regional District of Nanaimo, The City of Parksville invites all residents of School District #69 to attend, ask questions and learn how to be prepared for an emergency. If you are unable to attend and would like further information, please visit the City's website for information and links to provincial and federal emergency preparedness websites (www.getprepared.ca).

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