

Reopening of City Offices – June 21

<u>BC's Restart</u> is a careful, four-step plan focused on protecting people and safely getting life back to normal. On May 25, as a province, we began the gradual resumption of our social connections, services provided by businesses and activities. <u>Getting vaccinated</u> is the most important tool supporting our restart.

We are pleased to advise the City of Parksville offices will fully reopen to the public on Monday, June 21. The City will return to regular pre-COVID hours of operation. City Hall is open to the public from 8 am to 4 pm. Our operations department in the Industrial Park will be open 8 am to 4 pm and closed noon to 1 pm.

Here are a few things we would like the public to know:

- Entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre is from Jensen Avenue East only, with a one-way system in place to reduce contacts. Exit is through the cenotaph doors.
- Masks are mandatory while in the building until such time as public health orders change, expected to be after September 7 when wearing masks will be a personal choice.
- Staff may elect to meet with the public either in-person or virtually and in-person meetings will comply with protocols on physical distancing and masks.
- For now, access to the Vancouver Island Library continues to be the outside entrance, east parking lot.
- Main floor washrooms will open for public use.
- The public is welcome to attend Council meetings in-person beginning with the September 8 meeting. Until that time, the public can attend Council meetings virtually or archived from the City's website.
- June is a busy month for our finance department with property taxes due Friday, July 2. Security personnel will help ensure safe distancing and sanitizing procedures are in place when in the building.
- If sick, stay home and get tested.

Through the global pandemic, the City of Parksville continued to provide most civic services and took the necessary steps to protect the public and help limit the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to closely monitor the situation in BC and locally. Our <u>website</u>, as well as <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> provides updates on any changes to operations. Signage at the Parksville Civic and Technology will assist our residents and we will continue to make sanitizer available.

The province has set foundations to a successful restart which includes a steady vaccine supply, people getting vaccinated, declining case counts and fewer people in the hospital. Link to Let's Talk Parksville for info on the BC Restart program (and bc.gov.ca link as well). Thank you for continuing to do your part to keep us all safe.

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