# It's Your City!



Through November, commemorative banners to honour the sixty veterans whose names are listed on the cenotaph from World War I and World War II, are on display along Island Highway East. The program was expanded this year with a new section on our website which tells the heartwarming stories of our veterans. Please take a few minutes to read these individual stories, we know you won't be disappointed. [*City Hall/Veterans*]

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#### Parksville Fire Food Drive 2021

It's almost time for the Parksville Fire Department *Fill the Boots for Food* annual drive. There will be no door-to-door collection this year; firefighters will collect cash donations at locations in Parksville on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14 from 9 am to 5 pm. As well, firefighters will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. Donations to the Salvation Army food bank and SOS are extremely important to provide for the less fortunate in our community. More info on website and social media. *Parksvillefirerescue.ca* 

#### 2022 Dog Licences

Dog licence fees are due by January 31. Current dog licences will receive a renewal invoice by mail in early December; if you do not receive a notice and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased from City Hall (open Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm) and the BCSPCA (open Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm).

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.



#### **Remembrance Day**

The Royal Canadian Legion, Mt Arrowsmith Branch No. 49, Remembrance Day ceremony will be the same as 2020 with no parade and the ceremony to begin at 10:45 am on November 11 at the Parksville Cenotaph. Attendees are encouraged to practice physical distancing. The Legion will not be open following the ceremony.

> On November 11, **We Remember**

#### **2022 Special Events Applications**

Applications are now being accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets; review process starts January 31. Annual events are given priority provided the request is received by January 31, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 31, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. Policy and forms on the website [*City Hall/Special Events Procedures*]. For info, contact 250 248-5412 or *ops@parksville.ca*.

#### In-person Attendance at Council

Aligned with PHO restrictions, the maximum number of residents who can be accommodated in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre for a Council meeting is forty with ten spaces allocated to Council and support staff. To keep everyone safe, we ask that the public consider these points when attending a Council meeting:

- Please do not attend in-person unless fully vaccinated.
- Masks are always mandatory while in the building.
- You must remain seated when in attendance.
- Stay home if sick or not feeling well.

#### **Council Budget Meeting** Council will meet on November 29 at 1 pm to consider

amendments to the 2021-2025 municipal budget and financial plan. Comments may be submitted in-person at the meeting or by email to *council@parksville.ca* and will form part of the public record. The meeting will be webstreamed, live and archived, from the website.

#### **Multiplex Engagement Continues with Online Survey**

Engagement for the proposed aquatic and recreation multiplex continues. The atrium in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre features a small display which updates engagement efforts. We encourage you to complete a short survey; copies available at City Hall and online at *LetsTalkParksville.ca/parksville-aquatic-and-recreation-centre* where you will also find project details, updates and HDR's most recent Council presentation. Stay involved by signing up for newsletters at *HDR@parksville.ca*.

### Second Intake for COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid Program

The City of Parksville is offering a second intake for the COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program to support non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services located in Parksville or serving Parksville residents. Deadline for applications is 4 pm, November 26. Submission details are outlined on the website. *[Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid]* 



#### **THINGS TO KNOW**

**Winter conditions** - Info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our website [Quicklink/Winter Conditions]. We also have tips on how residents can be prepared and how to help.

**Coffee and a Chat** - Mayor Ed Mayne invites residents to join him for an in-person chat on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm; November 17 and December 1. These drop-in informal chats will be held in the Mayor's office at City Hall.

**Retroactive Home Owner Grant** - December 31 is the deadline to claim a retroactive Home Owner Grant for 2020 (subject to qualifications) as well as the deadline to defer 2021 property taxes. For more information or to apply, contact the Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700 or online at *gov.bc.ca/homeowner grant or gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.* 

**Ventureland playground upgrades** - Renovations to the playground in the Parksville Community Park will continue through this month, all in preparation for the new Harbour Town play equipment. Most of the playground remains open to the public; however, the work area is fenced until completion. Surfacing is weather dependent as a few days of dry weather are required to complete the project.

### **City Dates**

November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13-14	Fill the Boots for Food Drive
November 15	Council Meeting
November 17	Coffee with the Mayor
November 17	AWS/ERWS Meetings
December 1	Coffee with the Mayor
December 6	Council Meeting

#### Note: Council meetings will now be held at 1 pm

#### **How to Reach Council**

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