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Parksville Community Park Keeps Getting Better

We are excited about the many projects underway or anticipated in the park this year. The jewel of Parksville is a popular and important space for residents and visitors. Balancing multiple demands with a desire to maintain sustainable property taxes, we continually work to improve the Parksville Community Park as well as our other parks, trails and facilities to meet current and future community needs.



New outdoor stage and gathering space – received \$1.26 million from a Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure grant and \$204,750 from Island Coastal Economic Trust for the stage, expected to be ready in June. Request for proposals for construction of the gathering place were issued in April with construction in the fall.

Ventureland Playground - major upgrades to surfacing and new playground equipment to improve accessibility. An important outdoor space for children and their families, the playground continues to benefit from the generosity of the Parksville Lions Club. There is an outstanding grant application for more rubber surfacing.

Stormwater management - in 2021, through FCM and the Green Municipal Fund, received grant for \$168,300 for park stormwater management master plan, now complete and application submitted to Green Infrastructure Fund for \$1.6 million to implement priority stormwater management projects in the park.

Kin Hut and washroom facilities - in 2021, Council approved continued use of the Kin Hut washrooms and \$499,000 for a new washroom facility. Requests for proposals for construction of the new washroom will be issued soon with construction in the fall when the park is less busy.

Safe sports play - projects will improve safety and accessibility, address need for multiuse facilities, and project coordination to ensure efficiencies. Council approved gas tax funding of \$362,000 for safety and accessibility improvements to sports courts. As 2021 carry forward, an additional \$295,000 will be applied to this work with a total of \$657,000 dedicated to these improvements.

- Racquet courts to be repaired, resurfaced and relined for one permanent tennis and four permanent pickleball courts with physical barrier between. New bleachers and bike racks.
- Volleyball court upgrades with physical barriers around play area and new viewing area with bleachers.
- New accessible pathway, designated pickup and drop-off zone, and crosswalk near the washrooms and food trucks.
- Upgrades to skateboard park to repair cracks, heaves and ponding.



Public Works Open House-May 18

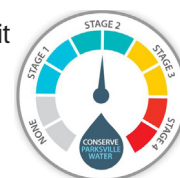
To recognize National Public Works Week, the City will host an open house on May 18, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parksville Community Park. Activities will interest residents with demonstrations, displays and of course, a chance to explore and ask questions of our staff. We are proud to highlight the services provided by our public works team and hope this open house will increase awareness of the work essential to maintain City infrastructure and services.

Things to Know...

- **Tree Rebate Program** - we offer a \$50 rebate for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. See our website for details. *[Residents/Rebates]*.
- **Permissive Tax Exemptions** - under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Application deadline is 4 pm, June 30. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website *[City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions]*.
- **Shaw Spotlight Channel 4** - regular Council meetings will be broadcast on Shaw Spotlight Channel 4 for Shaw subscribers on Wednesdays at 8 pm, Fridays at 8 am, and Saturdays at noon. Check Shaw's digital guide listing to confirm as schedules may change.

Water Restriction Stage 2

Stage 2 watering restrictions are now in effect through September 30 (unless otherwise notified). Stage 2 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. *[Quicklinks/Water/Conservation]*



PARKSVILLE VOTES 2022



Mark your calendars! General voting day is Saturday, October 15 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen and the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advanced polls will be held on October 5 and October 12 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen only. Find election info on *Let's Talk Parksville* and here through October.

Attention voters! When arriving to vote, you will be required to provide two pieces of identification; one containing your name and address, the other containing your name and signature. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification (with at least one with a signature) are still required and you will be required to make a "solemn declaration" as to your residency. Documents which may be accepted are listed on *Letstalkparksville.ca*.

Attention candidates! Voters will be electing candidates for a four-year term. Those elected in 2022 will serve on Council until October 2026. Elections BC will manage the financial requirements and reporting for all local government election candidates as per the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act. For more information call 1 855 952-0280.

City Dates

May 16	Council Meeting
May 18	Public Works Day
May 23	Victoria Day (offices closed)
June 6	Council Meeting
June 20	Council Meeting
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 4	Council Meeting
July 4	Property Taxes Due
July 18	Council Meeting

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