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# Parksville's New Council

The 2022-2026 Parksville Council was sworn in at the inaugural meeting on November 7. The ceremony included Mount Arrowsmith Piper Josh Dieleman, Qualicum First Nation Chief Michael Recalma, Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church Pastor Andrew Gulevich, and Staff Sergeant Travis de Coene and Constable Steve Pope with the Oceanside Detachment RCMP. The meeting may be viewed from webstreaming on our website.

The City extends appreciation to outgoing members of Council for their service to our community — Mayor Ed Mayne and Councillors Mark Chandler, Al Greir, Teresa Patterson, and Marilyn Wilson.



Congratulations to the 2022-2026 Council (left to right) Councillors Sylvia Martin, Adam Fras, Amit Gaur; Mayor Doug O'Brien; Councillors Mary Beil, Joel Grenz, Sean Wood.

### **PARKSVILLE FIRE RESCUE**

#### **Parksville Fire Rescue Food Drive**

Parksville Firefighters will shake their boots on November 19 and November 20, asking residents to *Fill the Boots for Food*. During the annual food drive, firefighters will collect cash donations in Parksville on Saturday, November 19 from 8 am to 4 pm and again on Sunday, November 20 from 8 am to noon. Firefighters will also collect 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.

Parksville firefighters will be at the following locations on November 19 and 20 - Wembley Mall (Save-on-Foods, Canadian Tire and BC Liquor Store), Corfield Plaza (Thrifty Foods and Mid Island Liquor), Quality Foods and Cascadia Liquor, and the BC Liquor Store at the old Quality Foods location. More info on *Parksvillefirerescue.ca* 

#### **Answer the Call - Recruitment**

Parksville Fire Rescue will soon begin the 2023 recruitment campaign, seeking dedicated men and women to serve as volunteer paid on call firefighters. To learn about the benefits and what it means to be part of the team, checkout *parksvillefirerescue.ca/recruitment* or call the department to speak with an officer at 250 248-3242.





To celebrate the holiday season, two community events will be held in December. More details will be posted to the City's website and social media. Please mark your calendars and join us for some holiday cheer.

#### Cookies & Carols December 8, 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Join the City to celebrate the season with a noon time performance by Craig Bay Choristers. We'll have Christmas cookies, music, and holiday cheer at this free community event. Everyone welcome. Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East.

#### Mistletoe on Memorial December 9, 5.30 to 7 pm

Join the City and Parksville Downtown Business Association for a celebration at the new Memorial Plaza, Alberni Highway and Memorial Avenue. Plaza will be decorated for the holidays and event will feature entertainment and refreshments. There will be mistletoe so bring your camera for a selfie. Let's meet under the mistletoe on Memorial!











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## **THINGS TO KNOW**

**Licence Renewals** - business licences and dog licence renewals will be mailed in early December and are due January 31, 2023. Details will be posted to our website.

**Water restrictions** - as resources recover from a three-month drought on Vancouver Island, there are no water restrictions until April (unless otherwise advised). We appreciate the efforts of residents to conserve. Conservation helps to maintain this precious resource.

**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 prepare and how to help.

**2023 special events** - 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 will be 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]. Contact 250 248-5412 or ops@parksville.ca for info.



# **City Dates**

November 19 & 20 Fill the Boots for Food Drive

November 21 Council Meeting
December 5 Council Meeting

December 8 Cookies & Carols Christmas Event
December 9 Mistletoe on Memorial Event

December 19 Council Meeting
December 26 & 27 Offices Closed
January 2 Offices Closed
January 16 Council Meeting

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

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