

It's Your City!

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Council and staff wish you and yours, a most Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2023.

Licence Renewals for 2023

Licence renewals have been mailed to residents and businesses in early December and may now be paid.

2023 Business Licences - renewals are due January 31, 2022, and fees which remain unpaid after January 31 will be subject to fines.

- Credit card (Visa or Mastercard) payments from the City's website [Online Services > Online Payments]
- By mail (P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3)
- Dropbox at City Hall (100 Jensen Avenue East)
- In-person at City Hall (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm)

2023 Dog Licences - fees are due January 31. If you do not receive a notice in December and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased in-person from City Hall (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm) and the BCSPCA (open Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm). All dogs older than six months must wear a municipal dog tag, which must be renewed yearly.

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help to 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. Rates for tags:

By January 31 Spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30
After January 31 Spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35

THINGS TO KNOW

Holiday office closures - City offices and operations will be closed on Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27 and Monday, January 2. For afterhours emergency (weekends and holidays), phone 250 248-6144 to reach our on-call service.

Retroactive homeowner grant - December 31, 2022, is the deadline to claim a retroactive Home Owner Grant for 2021 (subject to qualifications) as well as deadline to defer 2022 property taxes. For information or to apply, contact Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700 (Mon-Fri) or online gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral.

Council appointments to committees, boards, commissions and associations to November 6, 2023, may be viewed on our website [City Hall/Mayor and Council].

Council meeting dates for 2023 are listed on the website [City Hall/Meeting Calendar].

Winter conditions - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our website [Quicklink/Winter Conditions].

PARKSVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Answer the Call!

Parksville Fire Rescue paid on-call volunteers and career firefighters provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Our firefighters are highly skilled professionals who value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented. We respond to about 600 calls each year - structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests and rely on the commitment of paid on-call volunteer firefighters dedicated to public safety and community service.

- Opportunity to serve your community.
- Amazing team atmosphere, personal growth, chance to be awesome.
- Professional firefighter certification and ongoing training.
- Great benefits – paid on-call, WorkSafe, life insurance, and more.

Make firefighting part of your life.

Are you ready to answer the call?



Fill the Boots for Food



Once again, Parksville Fire Rescue's 2022 food drive was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the community. Firefighters were at locations throughout Parksville. A total of \$85,353.90 in cash for the Salvation Army food bank was collected over the weekend along with new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. Craig Bay residents stepped up again donating \$55,355 in cash and 2,692 pounds of food.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area support the annual drive and are truly the reason this campaign is so successful. Parksville Fire Rescue appreciates the generosity of our residents who make the world of difference to families in our community.

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 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 event. The special events policy and forms may be obtained from the City's website. [Quicklinks/Special Event Info]



City Dates

December 19	Council Meeting
December 26 & 27	Offices Closed
January 2	Offices Closed
January 16	Council Meeting
February 6	Council Meeting
February 13	Public Hearing
February 22	Council Meeting

Note: Council meetings will start at 10 am with open question period at 9.45 am.

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