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The City of Parksville acknowledges with gratitude, we are located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

Participate in our Financial Planning Process

The City's annual budget is part of a five-year financial plan which sets out the services and initiatives for the next five years and how the City of Parksville will pay for them. The City strives to maintain quality programs and services for our residents and keep taxes affordable for businesses and homeowners.

Ways you can participate:

- Attend Council meetings in person.
- Comments may be emailed to council@parksville.ca and will form part of the public record.
- LetsTalkParksville.ca offers information to help our residents and businesses understand the financial planning process and how tax dollars are spent. Consider being involved by sharing comments and it's a great place to ask questions. Input will form part of the public record and will be provided to Council.
- Council public financial plan meetings will be webstreamed from our website.
- If you wish to familiarize yourself with our financial planning process, previous years' plans and presentations may be viewed on Let's Talk Parksville.



The public is welcome to attend special Council meetings to discuss the 2023-2027 financial plan:

Wednesday, March 15	10 am
Wednesday, March 22	10 am
Monday, March 27	1 pm
Wednesday, April 12	6 pm

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The province recently enacted legislation requiring local governments to establish an accessibility committee, develop an accessibility plan to be adopted by September 1, and implement a mechanism for obtaining feedback on accessibility. The committee will provide advice to Council on development of an accessibility plan. The terms of reference may be viewed on our website.

We are looking for individuals to apply for consideration of appointment. The committee will consist of five to seven members, appointed by Council based on their experience and credentials, and to the extent possible, include representation as follows:

- At least half of members to be persons with disabilities, or individuals who support, or are from organizations that support, persons with disabilities.
- Members who reflect the diversity of persons with disabilities
- At least one Indigenous person
- Members who reflect the diversity of persons in BC
- At least one member of Council

Apply with relevant background information by March 13.

Mail: PO Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3

Email: administration@parksville.ca

Expanded Organics Program

As of March 1, residents who receive curbside collection can top up their organics carts with leaves, grass clippings and light yard trimmings. Learn more about the expanded organics program, what you can and can't include in your cart, and more. getinvolved.rdn.ca/expanded-organics

Watermain Flushing

Our annual watermain flushing program runs through April. An important part of our ongoing maintenance program, flushing ensures the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing occurs mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, weekdays. Residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure; keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if discoloured, run outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until clear. ops@parksville.ca.

Moss Avenue Renewal Project

Construction for the Moss Avenue renewal project is anticipated to start March 20 and finish this fall. The work will include renewal of important underground infrastructure and the installation of curbs, streetlights, and street trees where possible. The project team, including City staff, Koers & Associates Engineering, and Knappett Industries is looking forward to working with residents to ensure a successful project.

THINGS TO KNOW

Water Restriction Stage 1 in April allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from water restrictions.

Community Celebration for Phil St Luke will be held on Friday, June 9, 7-9 pm at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre in the Parksville Community Park. This is a free event, everyone is welcome. More details in May.

Parksville is the most economically resilient city on Vancouver Island according to BC Business. In the annual ranking of best communities for work, BC Business ranked us number one on Vancouver Island and number three in BC with Squamish in the top spot and North Vancouver second. Fifty BC communities were ranked using indicators such as social, economic resilience, population growth, resident sense of belonging, and environmental aspects. Parksville ranked fifth in 2022, second in 2021 and fifteenth in 2020.

Parksville beaches temporarily closed to dogs to limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese. This applies to both on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rath Trevor Beach and Parksville Bay beach are closed until April 30.

City Dates

March 15	Financial Plan Meeting
March 20	Council Meeting
March 22	Financial Plan Meeting
March 27	Financial Plan Meeting
April 3	Council Meeting
April 7 and 10	Easter (offices closed)
April 12	Financial Plan Meeting
April 17	Council Meeting
May 1	Council Meeting

Council meetings start at 1 pm; open question period at 12:45 pm.

Wood Chipping Program

Annual wood chipping program will take place April 3 through April 28. The City is divided into two zones - west of Craig Street and east of Craig Street. Materials must be curbside by 8 am on:

April 3	Properties WEST of Craig Street
April 17	Properties EAST of Craig Street

Piles must be limited to a size of 5 feet wide x 5 feet long x 3 feet high. One pile per strata subdivision or single-family property will be removed by the chipping crew. Branches with a maximum diameter of 6 inches (15cm), stacked with the larger end of the branch or trunk facing the roadway. Smaller shrub branches piled for ease of access by the chipping crew. *[Residents/Wood Chipping]*



How to Reach Council

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