

Property Taxes Due July 4

If you have not yet received your 2023 tax notice, phone 250 248-6144. Payments must be received and homeowner grants must be claimed by the due date of July 4 to avoid a penalty. All eligible homeowners are required to apply for their homeowner grant with the Province of BC at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phone at **1 888 355-2700**. When making a payment at a bank or through online banking, please allow a minimum of two business days for bank processing time.



Regardless of your payment method, payment must be received at the City of Parksville by the due date of Tuesday, July 4 or be subject to an immediate 5% penalty. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes outstanding at the end of business on September 15. Penalties are also applied to any unclaimed homeowner grants.

The 2023-2027 financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws were given final adoption by Council in May. The bylaws reflect a 6.8% increase in general municipal property taxes, a 5% increase in metered water and water parcel tax rates, and a 3% increase in sanitary sewer usage and parcel tax rates. Information on the City's 2023-2027 financial plan may be viewed at letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2023.



Dance with Me at Memorial - June 22

The next *Dance with Me at Memorial* event is set for Thursday, June 22 from 4-7 pm in Memorial Plaza. Sarah Raymond Dance Academy will step us through the movements common to hip hop or street dance. Hip hop is an accessible dance style; just bring your sense of rhythm and wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Hip hop style is popular because it is easy to learn and fun to do. With a little effort and patience, everyone will master the basics in no time. And, as a spectator, it is great fun to watch!

Like our first event, there will be music by Oceanside DJ, Dave Graham, a kids' corner with activities, food trucks, as well as a chance to visit nearby Parksville Downtown businesses.

Dance with Me at Memorial is intended to be a fun, active and social community event for all ages, to encourage diversity and community spirit through dance! Bring your family, friends, or come meet others while you learn new dance moves.

Two more events are set for **July 27 (Salsa)** and **August 24 (West Coast Swing)**. We are excited to host these community events at Memorial Plaza with partnership support from the Parksville Downtown Business Association.

Campfire Ban in Effect

Until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, are banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. The ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burning barrels and binary exploding targets. This ban has been implemented by the Parksville fire chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the Coastal Fire Centre covering Vancouver Island and the south coast. **To report a fire:**

Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property)	911
Open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area	250 248-3242
Beach fires (RAPP line)	1 877 952-7277

CITY SERVICES

Conserving Water - Summer is when we receive the least amount of precipitation; Environment Canada records indicate our area receives on average only about 100 mm of precipitation during June through August. Water demand typically peaks in summer months, when consumption increases by more than 50%, when people are watering lawns, filling pools and more.

Due to changing weather patterns and summer demand, restrictions are implemented to ensure our residents continue to have a high-quality water supply and water necessary for firefighting and fisheries. We owe it to ourselves to use this resource wisely and to minimize waste. When it comes to water conservation, every little bit helps and is the easiest and best way to reduce the annual stress our water system experiences in the summer. Check out water conservation tips [[Quicklinks/Water Restrictions](#)] and rdn.bc.ca/team-watersmart.

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](#)]

2022 Annual Report - The City's annual report now available on our website [[Quicklinks/Reports](#)], will be formally presented to Council on June 19. Comments to council@parksville.ca.

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](#)]

THINGS TO KNOW

Parksville Wetlands Community Survey

Next step in the development of a park management plan for the Parksville Wetlands is a community survey – please share your insights, knowledge and experience about the wetlands. The survey is open until June 27 from our website and letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-wetlands where you will find info about the project as well.



Canada Day Celebrations in Parksville

The Parksville Chamber will host Canada Day festivities in Parksville with a parade along the Island Highway and entertainment, activities, and the Thrifty Foods Fireworks Spectacular in the Parksville Community Park. [parksvillechamber.com/events/celebrate-canada-day]



City Dates

June 19	Council Meeting
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	<i>Dance with Me at Memorial</i>
July 1	Canada Day
July 3	Offices Closed (statutory holiday)
July 5	Council Meeting
July 17	Council Meeting
July 27	<i>Dance with Me at Memorial</i>
August 7	BC Day (offices closed)
August 24	<i>Dance with Me at Memorial</i>
September 4	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 6	Council Meeting

Council meetings start at 1 pm; question period 12.45 pm.

How to Reach Council

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