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

TYPE OF WATER USE	STAGE 4
Frequency	SPRINKLING BAN
Lawn watering times	Lawn Watering NOT PERMITTED
Hand-watering, drip irrigation, micro irrigation	Between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm
Washing vehicles, boats, houses (siding)	NOT PERMITTED
Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs	NOT PERMITTED
New lawn permits	NO PERMITS ISSUED
Pressure washing walkways, driveways, siding	ONLY prior to application of paint preservative, stucco or sealant.

Comprehensive Watering Ban

Until further notice, Stage 4 water restrictions, a comprehensive watering ban, is in effect for the City of Parksville. Due to a significant shortfall in precipitation and early above seasonal temperatures, east Vancouver Island is at provincial Drought Level 4. The province has requested water providers reduce usage by implementing stricter watering conditions.

Stage 4 restrictions help ensure the community's essential water needs for drinking water, hygiene and fire protection are met, and water flows for fish and aquatic habitats are maintained. Our region is experiencing early low-flow levels in rivers and streams and the continued warmer and drier-than-seasonal conditions forecast will likely further impact water levels well into the summer. This comprehensive water ban aims to reduce the pressure on surface water and groundwater sources vulnerable to ongoing drought.

The ban includes:

- No lawn sprinkling of any kind, including newly seeded and sodded lawns
- No washing of vehicles, RVs and boats
- No washing of driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and exterior building surfaces
- No filling of swimming pools, hot tubs and garden pond water features
- Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions
- Drip irrigation and hand watering is permitted using hand-held container or hose with shutoff device between 7 am and 10 am OR 7 pm and 10 pm

Detailed information about water restrictions may be viewed at parksville.ca and letstalkparksville.ca. The City is a partner in the Regional District of Nanaimo's Team WaterSmart program [rdn.bc.ca/team-watersmart].

Accessibility Survey

Do you live or participate in activities in the City of Parksville? Through a public accessibility survey, the City's accessibility advisory committee is inviting the community to provide input into the City's accessibility plan which is being created to identify barriers and provide recommendations on how to remove them.

The online survey features questions about barriers people face when accessing City facilities, programs, services, or information. Open until August 7, the survey may be accessed from our website, Let's Talk Parksville and from the QR code. The committee is looking for input on how difficult or easy it is for you to do the things you want to do here. Feedback will help to develop our plan which will serve as a roadmap for accessibility initiatives.



The survey was designed with accessibility in mind. If you need help completing the survey or wish an alternative format, contact accessibility@parksville.ca or 250 947-3078. Paper copies available during business hours from the City. Details at letstalkparksville.ca/accessibility-plan.

Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

Parksville Council recently adopted their 2023-2026 strategic plan which identifies the priorities and outcomes Council wishes to achieve during their term. These objectives provide direction to staff and inform departmental work plans and operational levels of service. Residents are encouraged to review the strategic plan on letstalkparksville.ca/strategic-plan and provide comments on Let's Talk Parksville or by email to council@parksville.ca.

COMMUNITY EVENTS - Summer in the City!

QF Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition and Beachfest

The exhibition returns to the Parksville Community Park, beginning with pound up on July 13 when sculptors build and fill their forms. This year's theme is Wonders of the World. Gates open to the public to watch carving at 2 pm, July 14 with winners announced 5 pm, July 16. The exhibition is open to the public from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm daily, July 17 to August 20.

Complementing the exhibition is the Tim Hortons free summer concert series on Fridays and Saturdays July 21, 22, 28, 29 and August 4, 5, 18, 19 at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre as well as buskers, artisan market, and a special weekend evening light up of the sand sculptures. parkvillebeachfest.ca.

Dance with Me at Memorial - July 27

The next Dance with Me at Memorial is Thursday, July 27 from 4-7 pm in Memorial Plaza featuring salsa dancing. Sara Raymond Dance Academy will step us through Latin dance movements, a pattern of six steps over eight counts of music. The great thing about salsa is just about anyone can learn it. If you have a dance partner, bring them along. Invite friends, family or meet others while you learn new dance moves.

Oceanside DJ, Dave Graham, will provide the music and there are few kids' activities. Dragon Bowl and Ala Carte Hot Dogs food trucks will be there and don't forget to visit nearby Parksville Downtown businesses.

One more Dance With Me at Memorial event will be held August 24 featuring West Coast Swing. We're excited to host these events with partnership support from Parksville Downtown Business Association. parksville.ca and parksvilledowntown.ca.

Parksville Museum Celebrates 40!

The museum has a busy 40th summer planned for residents and visitors with the Music at the Museum concert series on July 27, August 3, 17, and 31, as well as Railway Days on August 13. Parksvillemuseum.com

Summer by the Sea Street Market

Hosted by the Parksville Chamber, the market with its many great artisans and vendors is Tuesday evenings on Craig Street until August 29.

City Dates

July 17	Council Meeting
July 27	Dance with Me at Memorial
August 7	BC Day (offices closed)
August 24	Dance with Me at Memorial
September 4	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 6	Council Meeting
September 13	Parksville Wetlands Open House
September 16	Celebrate 100 Years Community Park

*Please note, Council does not meet in August

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