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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.

CITY SERVICES

Comprehensive Watering Ban

Stage 4 restrictions continue for the City of Parksville due to significant shortfall in rainfall to our region. East Vancouver Island has been at provincial Drought Level 5 since July 14 with the province requesting reduction in usage through stricter watering conditions.

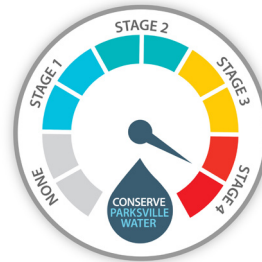
Doing Our Part to Conserve

We continue to adjust systems and strategically reduce water consumption in all aspects of our work, moving towards less water use, more efficient water use, and drought tolerant measures. Significant changes to operations have been made to reduce water required for irrigation while balancing the needs for recreation, tourism, and public safety. Major functional economic assets such as sports fields and significant trees will be preserved using efficient irrigation systems. Residents have expressed concern areas within the City still being watered. There's info on our website which we hope explains where and why we are watering and where we have notably reduced.

letstalkparksville.ca/water-restrictions

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 continue to impact water levels. This ban aims to reduce the pressure on surface water and groundwater sources vulnerable to ongoing drought.

- 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



Memorial Designated as Sensitive Area

Parksville Council amended the "Parks and Open Spaces Bylaw, 2016, No. 1523" to include Memorial Avenue Plaza, from the intersection at McMillan Street to the edge of Alberni Highway as a sensitive area where temporary shelter and overnight accommodation are not permitted. The amendment adds Memorial Avenue to other designated sensitive areas where overnight accommodation or camping is prohibited. These sensitive areas include the Parksville Wetlands, municipal wells and railway corridor, Springwood Park and municipal wells, Parksville Community Park, and the upland area designated in Plan Parksville as the Coastal Protection Development Permit Area No. 11.

The bylaw will be implemented through education, enhanced security, new signage, and compliance and enforcement. Our bylaw compliance department and the Oceanside Detachment RCMP are working together to ensure the provisions of the bylaw.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Parksville Wetlands Popup in the Park

The next stage in the development of a park management plan for the Parksville Wetlands features a popup open house on Wednesday, September 13 from 9.30 to 11.30 am. This engagement will be held at the foot of Despard Avenue near the entrance to the wetlands. Learn more about the diversity of the wetlands and share your ideas, experience and passion for the wetlands. Everyone welcome, bring your friends and neighbours and join the discussion. Details at letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-wetlands.



Dance with Me at Memorial

The last Dance with Me at Memorial for this year will be held on Thursday, August 24 from 4-7 pm in the Memorial Plaza (Alberni Highway and Memorial Avenue) featuring west coast swing. Sara Raymond Dance Academy will step us through all the dance moves we need to know. Everyone welcome! If you have a dance partner, bring them along. Invite friends, family or meet others while you learn (or improve) your west coast swing.



Oceanside DJ, Dave Graham, provides the music and there's a few kids' activities. There will be food and don't forget to visit nearby Parksville Downtown businesses. We're excited to host these events with partnership support from Parksville Downtown Business Association.

Improving Access on Alberni - A new left turn lane on the Alberni Highway will be added for access to properties at 587 Alberni Highway (Buckerfield's, Emco Waterworks) for northbound traffic coming into Parksville. A separate left turn lane will enable vehicles to access properties more safely while also improving roadway capacity.

Regulated by the City, the project which will be completed near the end of August, is funded by properties adjacent to the City's boundary. The construction zone will be 250 metres in length and traffic control personnel will direct vehicles through the area. As with many construction projects, please expect some inconvenience. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Campfire ban now in effect applies to open fires of any size including campfires. Implemented by the Parksville fire chief for the Parksville Fire Protection Area in conjunction with the Coastal Fire Centre ban for Vancouver Island and south coast.



Fall grant-in-aid program info is now available; deadline 4 pm, September 1. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible to apply. Info on program, policy, instructions, and application may be obtained from City Hall or from the website. [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

City Dates

August 24	Dance with Me at Memorial
September 4	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 6	Council Meeting
September 13	Parksville Wetlands Open House
September 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day
October 2	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
October 4	Council Meeting
October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
October 15	Fire Prevention Week Open House
October 16	Council Meeting

*Please note, Council does not meet in August

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