

# it's your City!

## Resident Survey Your opinion is important

In May, a resident survey will be delivered to all households in the City of Parksville. Council is committed to improving communications with residents and the survey is an important tool to gauge public satisfaction with programs and services. Results will be used to guide long-term planning, budget considerations and assist current and future members of Council to better understand prevailing views. We will provide you with a self-addressed, postage paid envelope to return the survey. The survey will also be available on the website and in hard copy at City Hall.

### Around the City

#### AQUASTAR Water Awareness Program

By now you will have received your utility notice covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling. The City's new water rate billing system (effective October 1, 2009) is reflected in this most recent bill. If you have questions about the AquaStar program or the new rate structure, please refer to the City's website (AquaStar quicklink) or call 250 248-6144.

#### Olympic Torch Banner Sale

The banners that marked the Olympic Torch Relay route along 19A and Alberni Highway will be offered for sale starting at 8am, Monday, April 19. Banners will be sold on a first come, first serve basis and for a minimum donation of \$50 you can have a "piece of Olympic history." Proceeds will benefit the Recreational Assistance for Children and Youth Program offered through the Society of Organized Services.

#### Parksville Fire Department

Huge thanks to Parksville Branch 49, Royal Canadian Legion for their support of the Parksville Fire Department. The Legion donated \$5000 to the Department to be used to provide First Responder training of our firefighters.



#### New Waterfront Walkway Official Opening

Mark your calendars for 11 am on Saturday, May 15 for the community opening of the new waterfront walkway in the Community Park. Stay tuned for more information.

#### World Water Day Art Contest

Contest details are on the websites of the City and the Oceanside Community Arts Council and at City Hall. Deadline is April 16.

#### April Proclamations

April is the Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month in Parksville.



#### New Bylaw Compliance Officer

Craig comes to the City with many years of experience, most recently as bylaw officer with the Town of Qualicum Beach and City of Nanaimo. Prior experience includes a career with the RCMP. Craig

will be the face for bylaw enforcement in the City; if you see Craig on the street do say hello and he'll do his best to answer any questions you might have. Craig can be reached at 250 954-3080.

### City Services

#### Emergency Preparedness Week - May 2 to 8

Held annually, Parksville will recognize EP Week from May 2 to May 8. Activities are organized across Canada to raise awareness of the importance of being prepared personally, as a family and at the work place for any emergency or disaster that could occur.

This year's activities will be expanded to include displays in the Atrium at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (PCTC) with information about the City's Emergency Program, Emergency Social Services and Emergency Communications Teams along with information about preparedness and volunteer opportunities. On Thursday, May 6 from noon to 3 pm, the City will again open the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to the public with the addition of a portable Emergency Social Services (ESS) registration centre and Emergency Communications Team (ECT) display. The ESS and ECT displays will be on the grass behind the PCTC and the EOC will be in the Forum.

The City encourages residents to stop by and learn how to be prepared. If you are unable to attend and wish information, visit the City's website which includes links to provincial and federal emergency preparedness websites.

#### Spring 2010 Update

The parks department has provided a spring 2010 update outlining their work during the winter months. It is available on the website under *What's New*.

#### Community Park

We appreciate the interest shown in the rail fence installed in the Community Park in 2008. We would like you to know that the main reason for the railing is to protect the natural foreshore area along the walkway as the Parksville Bay is part of a wildlife management area. As well, the railing provides aesthetic interest along the walkway and has enabled us to create safe access paths as this portion of the foreshore continues to experience some erosion.

#### Capital Works Upgrade to Moilliet Street

Knappett Industries has begun infrastructure upgrades on Moilliet Street, expected to be finished in late October. About one kilometer between Bernard Avenue and Highway 19A will be reconstructed to a Modified Local Road Standard. Work includes storm, sanitary sewer and watermain, curbs, sidewalks, asphalt pavement, streetlights and line painting. Localized traffic delays are to be expected and residents will be notified of disruptions to services. Questions should be directed to Engineering and Operations at 250 951-2479.

#### Wood Chipping Program

Here's the schedule for the City's wood chipping program. Full information is on the City's website. Call 250 248-5412 if you have questions.

- April 12-15 - south of Hwy 19A; south side of highway, between Moilliet Street and Church Road; both sides of Moilliet
- April 16-20 - east of Moilliet Street to Corfield Street, north and south of highway; both sides of Corfield
- April 21-23 - east of Corfield Street, north and south of Highway 19A, including resort area, to eastern boundary of City.



## Welcome to It's Your City!

You will find *It's Your City* in the PQB News on the second Tuesday of each month with a copy provided on the City's website. We are committed to improving "two-way communications" with our residents and you can help by providing your feedback, comments or suggestions. Please call 250 954-3073 or email [communications@parksville.ca](mailto:communications@parksville.ca)

### City Dates

- April 15 Advisory Planning Commission
- April 15 Coffee with the Mayor
- April 19 Council and Committee of the Whole
- April 22 Coffee with the Mayor
- April 22 Special Committee of the Whole - budget discussion
- April 26 Special Committee of the Whole - if required
- April 29 Coffee with the Mayor  
(Councillor Powell - Davidson)
- May 2-8 Emergency Preparedness Week
- May 3 Council and Committee of the Whole
- May 6 Coffee with the Mayor
- May 6 Emergency Operations Centre demonstrations
- May 10 Special Council Meeting  
(budget and tax rates bylaws)
- May 13 Advisory Design Panel
- May 13 Coffee with the Mayor
- May 15 Official opening of new waterfront walkway

\* please check the website to confirm times

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month, beginning at 6 pm. If Monday is a holiday, meetings are scheduled to Wednesday. The public is encouraged to attend.

#### How to access meeting agendas and minutes

Council and Committee of the Whole meeting agendas are posted to the City's website on the Thursday before the meeting to provide an opportunity to review the agenda prior to the Monday evening Council meeting. Minutes are posted to the website within a few days after adoption. Meeting agendas and minutes can be accessed from a quicklink on the home page on the City's website.

### How to Reach Council

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