



## Protecting Your Water Supply

With the recent spring rain, it's easy to forget that water is our most precious and limited resource. In fact, just 3% of the world's water is fresh and less than one third of 1% is available for human use. The City strives to be a water efficient community and over the next month, please watch for articles about the City's water services and programs administered by our Engineering and Operations Department. Whether we turn on our faucets or set out sprinklers, the water that spills out is fresh, potable water that comes from rain and snowmelt collected in our watershed, reservoir and groundwater aquifers. During the winter months, the reservoir is expected to fill to capacity. In the dry summer months, when we use more water than can be refilled and supplied, we must be careful with our water in order to prevent summer shortages.

As well as meeting demand for water, there are some real money matters to consider for using water wisely. The cost of water involves:

- Maintaining infrastructure for water supply and distribution
- Treatment and disposal of wastewater
- Building reserve funds for future water intake and treatment facility

### Why Stage 2 watering restrictions?

- It's the best way to conserve as typical landscape and lawns only need water twice a week during summer.
- We do not have the luxury of gravity to convey and distribute potable water; mechanical pumps and controls are required. As a resort-based municipality with an influx of visitors, large areas of parkland, sports playing fields to maintain and the requirements of our residents, our river intake and mechanical pumps run at over 85% capacity on peak summer days which is not sustainable. Non-watering days allow our mechanical systems, aquifers and reservoirs to properly recover.
- Our Englishman River water intake gallery is in need of additional repair and maintenance this year. The work requires DFO and MoE permits and can only be done during summer months within a certain fisheries window.
- Direct move to Stage 2 saves money and confusion for residents as irrigation systems only need to be programmed once.
- The City requires a new river intake and enhanced treatment facility. Using water wisely allows the City to save money annually to put towards this costly infrastructure upgrade.

**Stage 2 Watering Restrictions are now in effect.** Watering times are 7 am to 10 am and 7 pm to 10 pm. Even numbered properties may water on Wednesday and Saturdays and odd numbered properties on Thursday and Sundays. Vegetable gardens, shrubs and flowers may be watered with a hand-held hose, preferably with a shut-off nozzle. Exceptions are outlined on the website at [www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=111](http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=111) or phone 250 248-5412.



## Rain Garden Workshop - July 14

Let nature inspire you! Keep rain where it falls with an attractive, low maintenance garden that will replenish groundwater and protect nearby rivers and streams. Amateur gardeners and landscaping professionals are invited to learn how to design and build a rain garden. The July 14 workshop, hosted by RDN Team Watersmart and the City of Parksville runs from 6.30 to 7.30 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre. Workshop is free; please register through active reg system at [www.teamwatersmart.ca](http://www.teamwatersmart.ca) or call the City at 250 954-4697.

*It's All About Water!*

## Around the City

### 2010 Resident Survey

Our thanks to the many City residents who took time to complete the survey. About 1,900 surveys were returned by mail, dropped off at City Hall or completed online; a 30% response rate. The surveys are being input and the results, which will be made available in the summer, will provide Council with direction for future decision making.

### Supporting Community Projects

At the meeting held at Ballenas Secondary School on May 17, Council approved a \$15,000 grant-in-aid for the Parksville Downtown Business Association McMillan Street sculpture project and \$2,000 in funding for the Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society to assist with their communications program.

### Green Bin Program Coming to Parksville

The Regional District of Nanaimo will be bringing food waste collection to single family homes in Parksville in mid-October. In September, RDN Garbage and Recycling customers will receive a wheeled green bin, kitchen catcher, information package and new collection schedule. A program brochure was included with tax notices. For more information, contact the RDN at 250 954-3792.

### What's an APC?

More information about the Advisory Planning Commission is provided on the City's website at [www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=45](http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=45)

## Congratulations!

- To Cheryl Dill and the Parksville Chamber of Commerce sign committee and the businesses and individuals who donated funds for the new *Welcome to Parksville sign*, a spectacular entrance to our City!
- Deputy Fire Chief Marc Norris on being awarded 2010 Trainer of the Year from the BC Fire Training Officers Association and on his twenty years of service with the Parksville Fire Department.
- To the Train Station on their 100th birthday this year. The event will be celebrated on July 10 from 10 am to 4 pm. More information at [www.arrowsmithpottersguild.bc.ca](http://www.arrowsmithpottersguild.bc.ca).
- To the residents and the Parksville Downtown Business Association for making the official opening of the waterfront walkway on May 15 such a great success. Thanks to former mayors Sandy Herle and Randy Longmuir along with MLA Ron Cantelon and Mayor Mayne for their great ribbon cutting skills.



## Welcome to It's Your City!

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

## City Services

### Parksville Firehall Open House • June 22, 2 to 8 pm

A community open house for residents to view the plans and ask questions about the soon to be renovated firehall at 160 Jensen Avenue West is set for June 22. The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is committed to protecting life, property and the environment. Come meet your firefighters, learn what they do and discuss any fire and life safety concerns that you may have. The coffee pot will be on and the PVFD looks forward to welcoming you.

### 2010 Tax Notices in the Mail

If you have not yet received a notice, contact the City in person or by phone 250 954-4653. New owners are responsible for the 2010 property taxes and will need to contact the City prior to the tax due date. The Provincial Home Owner Grant may be claimed online or by completing the application on the tax notice and bringing it to City Hall before July 2, 2010. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.



## City Dates

June 10	Advisory Design Panel
June 10	Coffee with the Mayor
June 17	Advisory Planning Commission
June 17	Coffee with the Mayor (last one until Sept.)
June 21	Council and Committee of the Whole
June 22	Parksville Firehall Open House
July 1	Canada Day (office closed)
July 5	Council and Committee of the Whole
July 8	Advisory Design Panel
July 14	Rain Garden Workshop
July 15	Advisory Planning Commission

*\* 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 Reach Council

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