



Around the City

Name the Peacock Contest



We have received so many great comments about the new flower bed at Pym Street and the Island Highway that we thought we should have some fun and hold a contest to name the floral peacock. The rules are real simple - there is a link on the City's website where you can enter your suggestion as well as a short description as to why your proposed name is the best. We will need your name and phone number as well. The contest is open to everyone.

Our Parks Department will sift through the suggestions and choose the name. If there's more than one entry with the same name, the winner will be drawn at random. Last date to enter is August 2. And yes, there will be a prize for the winner!

Coffee with the Mayor

Coffee with the Mayor will start up again on September 9 and will run Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm. In the meantime, the Mayor would be pleased to answer any questions you might have. Please call him directly at 250 954-4661.

Feral Rabbits

The City is seeing a growing problem with abandoned pet rabbits in neighbourhoods. Rabbits are not native to Vancouver Island and are a result of people releasing their pets into the environment. Unfortunately, these animals can harm the local environment, damage landscaping and farm crops. Don't chase, handle or feed the rabbits and please do not abandon your pet rabbits.

Did you know...

That the City of Parksville turned 65 years old on June 19. The City was incorporated in 1945.

2010 Resident Survey

We are close to completing our work on the 2010 resident survey and will release the results to the public on July 19.

Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the City's Grant-in-Aid Applications Policy 3.26, the City of the Parksville may provide direct financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events that will benefit its citizens and visitors. Eligible applicants are community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services field.

Organizations wishing to apply for funding assistance are asked to obtain a copy of the policy to ensure their submission meets all the necessary criteria and must submit their application on the approved form. Copies of the policy and application form can be

Official Community Plan Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Official Community Plan Advisory Committee is to assist in the Official Community Plan review by providing public input on matters referred to it, provide comments to staff, the consultant and Council on the community engagement process, and to review and provide background information for draft materials, draft vision statement and draft plans.

Parksville City Council is now accepting applications for appointments to the committee. The nine member committee is to have broad representation from the community. Citizens who are interested in volunteering their time to sit on the Official Community

City Services



Next Steps in Our OCP Process

In May, the City issued a request for proposal for the Official Community Plan update. Seven firms responded and at the July 5 meeting, Council approved the award of the consultancy contract to HB Lanarc Consultants.

Located in Nanaimo, HB Lanarc is highly regarded for experience and innovation. They have led a number of Official Community Plan reviews on Vancouver Island and are familiar with Parksville, having been involved in the development of the Community Park Master Plan.

As well, Council adopted a resolution to develop a sustainable community plan as part of the OCP review. The City will be seeking a \$90,000 Green Municipal Fund grant (through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities) to assist with the creation of this plan which will include a sustainable vision and measurable targets.

The City is now advertising for Official Community Plan advisory committee members.

Habitat for Humanity Ceremony

In 2009, the City of Parksville donated a residential lot on Humphrey Street to Habitat for Humanity and now, construction of a new home for the Binet family is underway. Habitat for Humanity is looking for more volunteers to help with the build; 250 758-8078 or info@habitatmvi.org.



Councillor Teresa Powell, Mayor Ed Mayne, Binet family, Larrie Taylor and Councillor Al Greir

obtained at City Hall or downloaded from the What's New page on the City's website.

The Grant-in-Aid Select Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to Council regarding the approval and amount of the grants. Council is not obligated to allocate any or all of the \$2,500 budgeted funds. Incomplete applications will be returned and returned applications which are not re-submitted by the deadline date in correct form will not be considered. Deadline is 4 pm on Friday, September 3, 2010. Submission may be made in person or by mail to the Administration Department, PO Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3.

Plan Advisory Committee are invited to make application by submitting a letter of interest to the Community Planning Department at City Hall. Terms of reference and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Community Planning Department at 250 954-4656 or planning@parksville.ca.

To be considered for an appointment, letters must be submitted by 4 pm on Friday, July 30, 2010. Submissions may be made in person, by mail to PO Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3, by fax 250 954-4685 or by email planning@parksville.ca.

It's All About Water!



Team WaterSmart Free Workshops

July 14 - Rain Gardens

Let nature inspire you. Create an aesthetically pleasing landscape and a natural habitat for butterflies and birds using rain garden techniques.

July 22 - Efficient Outdoor Watering

Learn how to reduce your water consumption and utility bill through plant selection, landscape design and efficiently watering your outdoor spaces.

Both workshops will be held at the Parksville Community & Conference Centre. Workshops are free with pre-registration through the @ctiveReg System at www.teamwatersmart.ca or by calling 250 248-3252. The City of Parksville is a member of the Regional District of Nanaimo's Team WaterSmart, along with Fairwinds Community, Town of Qualicum Beach and the City of Nanaimo.

Stage 2 Watering

Reminder to all residents that Stage 2 watering restrictions are in effect. The City continues to monitor water supply and will advise should additional restrictions become necessary. Watering times are 7 to 10 am and 7 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 maybe watered with a hand-held hose with shut-off nozzle. Irrigation systems with automated programmable sprinkler controllers may operate between 1 and 4 am on the prescribed watering days. Water conservation will help to reduce demands on our water resources and the costs to operate the water utility.

City Dates

July 15	Advisory Planning Commission
July 19	Council and Committee of the Whole
July 19	Public Hearing - OCP Amendment Bylaw 2010, No 1370.12 and Zoning Development Amendment Bylaw 2010, No 2000.79
August 2	BC Day - office closed
August 4	Council and Committee of the Whole
August 12	Advisory Design Panel
August 16	Council and Committee of the Whole
August 19	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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We welcome your comments on this issue of *It's Your City*:
 250 954-3073 | communications@parksville.ca
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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.