

PARKSVILLE PLAN 2020

A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

The City of Parksville is now reviewing its Official Community Plan (OCP) to create a strong vision and direction for a bright and sustainable future for all. *Parksville Plan 2020: A Vision for Our Future* is a planning and engagement effort that will seek significant community input to shape the OCP, and to ensure that the current and future needs of residents are considered.

An OCP sets direction for growth, transportation, housing, services, and infrastructure while considering issues such as health, diversity, the natural environment, climate change, and the local economy. This will be an open and inclusive process that actively engages the community in meaningful discussions to develop a long-term vision and a means to achieve it.

The OCP process will have its own website soon and it is here, as well as the newspapers, where you will see many notices and ads about this initiative, and lots of outreach, as we need strong public input and awareness to produce the best possible plan. Three community workshops will be held in late October/early November, intended to raise awareness of the OCP review and to ensure the broadest possible participation of our citizens and stakeholders in the process. We will also engage youth at the schools.

Parksville residents will have the opportunity to speak up and describe how they wish to live, work and play in the City over the next ten years. A wide range of issues, challenges and ideas will be explored, so get involved, attend the events, complete the surveys, and have your say!

Around the City



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Beyond Composting Green Bin Program

The new RDN green bins will be delivered to Parksville homes starting this week. To learn what goes in the green bin and when collection begins, check out the start-up kit included with the new bin.

We encourage you to drop by the open house on Thursday, September 23 from 2 to 5 pm and 6 to 8 pm in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East. The open house is an opportunity to learn about changes to garbage and recycling collection, how to use the green bin and it's a chance to speak directly with RDN staff should you have questions. As well, information about the program may be found at www.beyondcomposting.ca or by calling the RDN toll free at 1-877-607-4111.



During the summer, we received this email signed from "some Nanaimo folks".

We live in Nanaimo, but my husband and I were RVing at Parks Sand RV Park last weekend. I just want to tell you how impressed we were with the boardwalk along Parksville Beach. What a wonderful addition to your town. Kudos on planning. Wood is the best element for building. The boardwalk looks really classy and we were impressed by all the people, locals and tourists who were using it. Then we saw it at night and our jaws dropped. How romantic! Great that it gives handicapped people and strollers such access. Give yourself a big round of applause. The City deserves it.

City Services

Brown Bag, Lunch and Learn About the Website

The recent resident survey asked a few questions about the City's website and although many residents use the site regularly, many indicated unfamiliarity with the website.

To help our residents become more comfortable when using our website, Google and internet search, we will be offering a series of "lunch and learn" sessions. Bring your brown bag lunch, we'll supply coffee and show you how to navigate the website and find the information relevant to your search. As well, we will be looking for your comments on how we can improve the website.

These informal sessions are open to all and will cover a number of subjects over the next few weeks, including a broad overview of the site with emphasis on key pages and basic navigation tips and tricks. We hope you will join us at one or all of these sessions. If interest continues, we will add more dates. Please join us from noon to 1 pm on Fridays - **September 24, October 8 and October 22** in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Bring your brown bag lunch and your questions!

Coffee with the Mayor

The Mayor's Thursday afternoon "Coffee with the Mayor" has started up again. Residents are welcome to drop by City Hall between 2 and 4 pm on most Thursday afternoons. It's your chance to chat about what's on your mind. Please check the website or this page for dates.

Low Flush Toilet Rebate

The low flush toilet rebate program has been so successful that it has come to an end as funds are now completely allocated. Over 389 low-flow and dual flush toilets have been installed in homes since the program began in March 2008.



Parksville Fire Department's New Digs

For the next while, as the firehall is upgraded, temporary headquarters for the department is 120 Jensen Avenue West. The department had planned to bring a trailer unit on to the construction as office space, however, as a cost savings measure, the department chose to use the little old house as their temporary digs. The City-owned house which is slated for demolition is just across the Alberni Highway from the Parksville Firehall. You are most welcome to stop by for a visit.

City Dates

September 16	Advisory Planning Commission
September 16	Coffee with the Mayor
September 20	Council and COTW
September 23	Green Bin/Beyond Composting Open House
September 23	Coffee with the Mayor
September 24	Brown Bag, Lunch and Learn about the Website
September 30	Cancelled - Coffee with the Mayor
October 4	Council and COTW
October 7	Coffee with the Mayor
October 8	Brown Bag, Lunch and Learn about the Website
October 11	Thanksgiving Day - office closed
October 14	Advisory Design Panel
October 18	Council and COTW at Knox United Church
October 21	Advisory Planning Commission
October 22	Brown Bag, Lunch and Learn about the Website
November 15	Council and COTW at Craig Bay

The public is encouraged to attend Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month, beginning at 6 pm. If Monday is a holiday, meetings are scheduled to Wednesday. Please check the City's website to confirm times and dates.

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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.