



City of Parksville

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## PARKSVILLE PLAN 2020

A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

### Help Shape The Future of Parksville

An important and exciting initiative is now underway that needs input and involvement from Parksville citizens. In September, the City launched a review of its Official Community Plan with a start-up workshop with staff and Council. The purpose of the OCP review and update is to create a strong vision and strategic direction for a bright and sustainable future for all Parksville residents.

An OCP is an important document that sets direction for growth, transportation, housing, services and infrastructure while considering health, diversity, the natural environment, climate change, and the economy. This review will be an open and inclusive process that actively engages the community in meaningful discussions on these and other issues in order to develop a long-term vision for our future. The City's OCP process, called *Parksville Plan 2020. A Vision for Our Future*, provides an opportunity for residents to speak up and describe how they want to live, work and play in Parksville over the next ten years.

### Create Our Future Workshops

Many community forums will be held over the next year. The first public event is a series of workshops called, "Create Our Future" scheduled for October 27, November 4 and November 8 in which speakers will describe what the City faces in terms of achieving greater social, economic, ecological and cultural sustainability in a changing world.

The purpose of the workshops is to raise awareness of the review and ensure the broadest possible participation by the community. Residents will be engaged in thoughtful discussions on a number of key topics in order to evoke ideas about what matters most to them. Two sessions each day have been provided for convenience; residents should plan to attend one session only.

<b>WHO</b>	All Parksville residents
<b>WHAT</b>	Create Our Future Community Workshops
<b>WHERE</b>	Parksville Community & Conference Centre
<b>WHEN</b>	October 27, November 4 and November 8 3-5 pm OR 5-7 pm with presentations at 3.30 OR 5.30 pm
<b>WHY</b>	OCP Review - Your voice and your ideas are needed!
<b>HOW</b>	RSVP to reserve your space at one of the workshops: Phone 250 954-3066 or email parksvilleplan2020@parksville.ca

Future events will include a special youth engagement forum that will explore the issues most important to our youth. All events are intended to widen the discussion at the start of a thorough process to build our community's identity and set a clear path to the future. Please consider attending and pass the information on to your friends and contacts. We need strong public input to produce the best possible plan.

The City will launch an official OCP website in early November; in the meantime, information is posted on the City's site at <http://parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=340>

### Your voice and your ideas are needed!

#### OCP updates delivered to your inbox

If you would like to receive OCP update information and notices directly to your inbox, please email [communications@parksville.ca](mailto:communications@parksville.ca) - please provide your name, street address and email address.

### Advisory Committee Members

Eighteen citizen advisors will assist the City through the OCP review process. The committee structure, made up of two advisory committees, each with nine members, was approved by Council in September. These two committees will review the overall update process equally and will have related but slightly different tasks. Members are appointed for an 18 month term ending April 30, 2012. The City appreciates the willingness of residents to put their names forward.

- OCP Citizen Advisory Committee members are Gerald Beaudry, Mary Beil, Sam Cosco, Joseph Forsyth, Marilyn Hahn, Don Luke, Charna Macfie, John O'Brien and Caroline Waters.
- OCP Community Advisory Committee members are Gary Child, Michele Deakin, Manly LaFoy, Doug O'Brien, Norman Patterson, Faye Smith, Maggie Towns, Anthony Veselisin and David Wallace.

### Around The City

#### Water Conservation Successful



Water consumption from March 1 to August 31, 2010, was 1,234,493 m<sup>3</sup> compared to 1,496,958 m<sup>3</sup> for the same period in 2009. Kudos to Parksville residents and businesses, this is a 17.5% decrease in water consumption. During this same period, 2010 rainfall was 287mm compared to 152mm in 2009. Although July and August were extremely dry this year, 2010 was considerably wetter than 2009.

### Beyond Composting



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#### Green Bin Program

The new RDN green bins have now been delivered to single family homes in the City. If you have not yet received a bin, have questions about the program or the collection schedule, call the RDN at 1 877 607-4111. Residents can also call the RDN to confirm that they have the correct new calendar. Collection begins the week of October 18. [www.beyondcomposting.ca](http://www.beyondcomposting.ca).

### Amateur Radio Classes

The Mid Island Radio Association is offering classes in November which will lead to an amateur radio license issued by the federal government. It's an exciting opportunity to learn a new hobby and also communicate worldwide, build and operate radios and help emergency organizations when disaster strikes. The course covers basic electronics, radio equipment, operating procedures and regulations. Students only need pay for the course book. For more information, contact Len Hooper at 250 752-9278 or [bahari.bb@shaw.ca](mailto:bahari.bb@shaw.ca).

### City Dates

#### Next Council Meeting at Knox United

The next regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be held on Monday, October 18 at Knox United Church at 345 Pym Street. As with all Council and Committee meetings, the public is encouraged to attend. This meeting at Knox United will replace the meeting normally scheduled for 6 pm in the Forum, Parksville Civic & Technology Centre. As usual, the meeting agenda will be posted on the City's website on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

#### Budget Meetings

On October 28, the City will present the 2011 provisional budget and 2011-2015 financial plan to Council and the public for review and input. A new draft of the 2011 provisional budget with any changes that arise from the October 28 meeting will be presented to Council and the public for review and input on November 8. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings.

#### Learn About the Website

We'd like to help residents navigate the City's website. Bring your lunch and your questions and we'll supply coffee. As well, we will be looking for your comments on how we can improve the website. Next session is scheduled for October 22 from 12 noon to 1 pm.

October 14	Advisory Design Panel
October 14	Coffee with the Mayor
October 18	Council and COTW at Knox United Church
October 21	Coffee with the Mayor
October 22	Brown Bag, Lunch and Learn about the Website
October 27	Create our Future OCP workshop
October 28	Coffee with the Mayor
October 28	Special COTW (budget)
November 1	Council and COTW Meeting
November 4	Create our Future OCP workshop
November 4	Coffee with the Mayor
November 8	Create our Future OCP workshop
November 8	Special COTW (budget)
November 11	Office closed for Remembrance Day
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.

### How to Reach Council

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We welcome your comments on this issue of *It's Your City*  
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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.