

City Services

It's Cold Out There

With winter now upon us, the City's operations department is ready to provide snow and ice control. Policy guidelines provide for reasonably safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic while winter conditions prevail, operating within budget allocations and equipment and personnel availability. Policy 8.10 states during slippery conditions, streets and intersections will be sanded on a 24-hour basis.

Plowing of streets will commence when two inches of snow has fallen, or when road conditions are such that a lesser amount of snow results in dangerous conditions. Road plowing priorities are arterial roads and highways, major collector roads, minor collector roads and then local roads (within three days, weather permitting). The plowing priorities of routes adjacent to facilities are emergency service facilities, bus routes, steep hills and school areas.

Wherever possible, drivers are asked not to park vehicles on the streets during snowfalls as this impedes plows and may result in your vehicle being buried by snow. During the plowing of streets, a windrow may be formed across driveways. This is unavoidable, especially during heavy snowfalls. As the City does not have the equipment or personnel for a private driveway/access clearing, it is the owner's responsibility to open access to the adjoining roadway. Clearing of private roads and parking lots is the responsibility of the property owners who must ensure that snow removed from their property is not deposited on the adjoining public sidewalks or roadway.

Sidewalks

Snow clearing from sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners who should ensure that snow removed from the sidewalks is not deposited on the adjoining roadway. During heavy snowfall, in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic, adjacent to City-owned property, crews will support public sidewalk clearing through use of snow blowers and other snow removal equipment as equipment and personnel allow.

Preparing for snow

Residents should be prepared for times when it may be necessary to wait for roads to be cleared:

- Ensure an adequate supply of any required medications, infant formula and supplies, pet foods and non-perishable food items in the event roads are temporarily impassable and stores closed.
- Keep a supply of candles and working flashlights for use in a power outage.
- Keep cell phones regularly charged.
- If not absolutely necessary to travel, consider staying home.

Contact Information

During regular office hours (8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday), please direct questions or concerns regarding snow and ice control program, to the Department of Engineering and Operations at 250 248-5412. An emergency that requires City assistance outside of regular hours, call our 24-hour answering service at 250 248-6144.

Around The City

PARKSVILLE PLAN 2020 A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

Have Your Say!

What do you love about Parksville? What are the most important issues that you feel Parksville's OCP should address? These are just a few of the questions residents were asked during the first series of public workshops held in October and November. All comments as well as a summary of the workshops are now on the City's OCP website. If you did not attend one of the sessions, do take a few minutes to answer the questions now located on the website in a survey format. Questions will be available on the website until January 3, 2011 - we do appreciate your input. More public OCP sessions will be announced in early 2011. www.parksville.ca/ocp



OESS Volunteers Needed

When people in District 69 must evacuate their homes for an emergency, Oceanside Emergency Social Services will register them and may also provide short-term assistance with food, clothing and shelter. If you'd like to help, apply to volunteer and training will be provided. Contact OESS at 250 954-3411 (message) or oess@shaw.ca



Coat of Arms

A coat of arms or armorial bearings was granted to the City on December 6 by Robert Watt, LRVO, Rideau Herald Emeritus on behalf of the Canadian Heraldic Authority. The significance of the arms is explained on the City's website. The coat of arms will be used for official purposes and the sand dollar logo will be used as the City's "brand."



It's the Holiday Season!

The Council and staff of the City of Parksville wish you a most joyous of holidays. To you and your family, merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2011. City Hall will be closed on December 27 and 28 and January 3. Regular office hours (8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday) will be in effect during the holidays. If there is an emergency outside of regular hours, call the answering service at 250 248-6144.

City Dates

December 16	Coffee with the Mayor
December 16	Advisory Planning Commission
December 20	Council and COTW
December 27/28	Office closed
January 3	Office closed
January 6	Coffee with the Mayor
January 13	Advisory Design Panel
January 13	Coffee with the Mayor
January 17	Advisory Planning Commission
January 17	Council and COTW

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.

2011 Council Meeting Dates

Pursuant to Section 127 of the Community Charter and "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2003, No. 1386", a schedule of dates, times and places of City of Parksville regular municipal Council and Committee meetings for the year 2011, is posted on the City notice board at the Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville, for viewing during regular office hours 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. The meeting schedule may also be viewed on the City's website.

How to Reach Council

MAYOR	
Ed Mayne	250 954-4661
COUNCILLORS	
Chris R Burger	250 240-8255
Al Greir	250 248-1285
Marc Lefebvre	250 248-2292
Teresa C Patterson	250 954-9488
Susan E Powell	250 951-1082
Carrie Powell-Davidson	250 954-3758

citycouncil@parksville.ca
City Hall, 100 Jensen Avenue East
P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3

We welcome your comments on this issue of *It's Your City*
250 954-3073 | communications@parksville.ca
Twitter: http://twitter.com/city_parksville

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.

Notice to Dog Owners

Dog tags for the calendar year 2011 are available for purchase in person at Parksville City Hall, 100 Jensen Avenue East. Bylaw No 1285 requires that all dogs over the age of six months be licenced.

	Spayed/ neutered	Unspayed/ unneutered
By January 31	\$20	\$30
After January 31	\$25	\$35