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in 2011

City News

Parksville Mayor Resigns

On January 4, in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 5, Section 121, Ed Mayne, Mayor of the City of Parksville submitted his letter of resignation to the City's corporate officer. The resignation was effective immediately and per subsection (3), once a resignation has been delivered, it may not be revoked. Under the Community Charter, Local Government Act and City of Parksville Council Procedures Bylaw, Council will consider the options available to them at a special meeting on January 10. Options include a possible by-election, continuing with the currently appointed deputy mayor or choosing a different Council member to preside until the 2011 municipal election. The City's current Deputy Mayor is Councillor Al Greir.

Great BC ShakeOut - January 26



On January 26 at 10 am, thousands of British Columbians will Drop, Cover and Hold On in the Great British Columbia Shakeout, the largest earthquake drill in Canadian history. Intended to create public awareness of earthquake hazards and encourage personal preparedness, participants will Drop, Cover and Hold On for two minutes in response to a simulated earthquake event.

At this time, more than 210,000 participants are registered in BC with 84,000 registered on Vancouver Island. The BC Shakeout website at shakeoutbc.ca has a wealth of information about how you can participate and most importantly, how to perform the Drop, Cover and Hold On a quake-safe action designed to protect people from objects that can become projectiles during ground shaking.



As well, there is a life safety drill designed to engage people to think through their own emergency response actions during the drill, then afterwards to review and discuss what worked or what did not, in order to make improvements for the next drill or an actual earthquake. The website also provides information on participating in the exercise at your workplace.

BC is located in a seismically active region where a few thousand earthquakes occur each year in and adjacent to the province. The threat of a major earthquake in the province is real; therefore, we must ensure we all know how to be prepared.

The City encourages residents and businesses to register at www.shakeoutbc.ca to be counted in the drill and to receive further information. The drill is modeled after the successful Great California ShakeOut, now in its third year. The January 26 date marks the 311th anniversary of the last magnitude 9 earthquake in BC.

Holiday Stroll



Residents and visitors took advantage of the sunshine on New Year's Day to stroll along the City's waterfront walkway. The boardwalk has become a popular gathering place in the City. (photo credit: Fred Pakkala)

City Services

City Appoints Manager of Engineering

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Vaughn Figueira, P Eng, as Manager of Engineering. Vaughn is a senior civil engineer with more than twenty years municipal engineering experience. The majority of his career has been with regional and municipal governments with significant private industry experience as well. Vaughn joined the City of Vancouver in 1999, assigned to the sewers design branch. As senior engineer, he has been responsible for planning, budgeting, costing, tendering, management and design.



APC Looking for New Member

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) has an opening for a new member. The City invites applications for a twenty-four month term on the APC; members are appointed pursuant to Section 898 of the Local Government Act and serve without remuneration. The function of the seven member APC is to advise Council on matters respecting land use and community planning that are referred to the Commission by Council. Applicants with experience in land use planning, architectural design or related fields would be an asset, although this is not a prerequisite.

Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should send their application to Gayle Jackson, Director of Community Planning, City of Parksville. Applications will be accepted until January 31 at which time Council will make the appointment and advise the applicant.



The first series of information gathering workshops were held in October and November and as promised, all participant comments as well as the consultant's summary are available online. The workbook questions were made available on the City's website and those comments have been passed along to the consultant as well. Also included on the on the City's website are the valuable comments gathered from the youth engagement forums.

The OCP advisory committees will continue to meet and the next phase of community involvement will begin in early spring. If you have questions about the OCP process, please contact Sarah Ross at 250 954-3066 or sross@parksville.ca.

Around The City

Community Groups Benefit, Thanks to Golfers

In December, the funds from the second annual Mayor's Charity Golf Classic were distributed to C-Zone: Construction Zone (part of Oceanside Building Learning Together Society); the GJJS Foundation (Vancouver Island German Jujitsu Society) and the Oceanside Taskforce on Homelessness.

Kinship of Play

Gifted to the City of Parksville by the Parksville Downtown Business Association on December 12 and created by Nu-u-chah-nulth artist, Connie Watts, *Kinship of Play* is a wonderful addition to the City. The project was a true collaboration by individuals, organizations and businesses for the people of Parksville.

Business Survey

Community Futures of Central Island is asking Parksville businesses to complete a succession planning survey. With the current demographic shifts in our region, it is estimated that 40% of business owners are contemplating exiting their businesses within the next five years. In order to support local businesses and succession planning, we ask that you complete this short survey accessible from the home page of the City's website. Community Futures is conducting this same survey in Ladysmith, Nanaimo and other local municipalities.



City Dates

January 13	Advisory Design Panel
January 17	Advisory Planning Commission
January 17	Council and COTW
February 7	Council and COTW
February 10	Advisory Design Panel
February 17	Advisory Planning Commission
February 21	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 and for the agenda.

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