



City of Parksville

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Around The City

PARKSVILLE PLAN 2020 VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

Parksville's OCP Review Process Well Underway

- An *Urban Magnets* workshop was held with members of the community from groups and businesses associated with activity groups. An outline of the workshop and the questions will be on the City's website; we welcome your input.
- A video that introduces some of the themes to be explored during the OCP process is now on the City's OCP website.
- Staff has been busy working behind the scenes to provide data to the consultant.
- Watch the City's website for information about future OCP events.
- As always, your feedback is welcome; please contact City planner, Sarah Ross, 250 954-3066 or sross@parksville.ca.

APC Looking for New Member

The Advisory Planning Commission has an opening for a new member. The seven-member APC advises Council on matters respecting land use and community planning referred to them by Council. Applicants with experience in land use planning, architectural design or related fields would be an asset, although not a prerequisite. The deadline is extended to allow for advertising of the position. Members serve for a 24 month term, are appointed pursuant to Section 898 of the *Local Government Act* and serve without remuneration. Those interested should send an application to Gayle Jackson, Director of Community Planning, City of Parksville (250 954-4660) by February 28.

Coffee with the Mayor

Something on your mind? Residents are invited to join Acting Mayor Chris Burger for coffee and an informal chat, Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. This is a comfortable forum in which to meet the Acting Mayor or members of Council, ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions. Cancellations will be posted to the website or phone 250 954-3070 for more information.



Survey of Licensed Businesses

Community Futures of Central Island would like Parksville businesses to complete a succession planning survey accessible from the home page of the City's website. February 15 deadline.



2011 Census

Statistics Canada is hiring staff to work on the collection phase of the 2011 Census. Jobs are ideal for recently retired persons, stay-at-home parents, students and those wishing to supplement their income. Rates of pay vary by assignment. The work period is early March to the end of July, depending on the assignment. Visit the 2011 Census website at census2011.gc.ca or call 1 866 773-2011 for more information.



Acting Mayor Burger

At a special meeting held in January, Council approved the appointment of Councillor Chris Burger as Acting Mayor until the end of the current term of office. Councillor Carrie Powell-Davidson was appointed Deputy Mayor until June 5 and Councillor Al Greir will serve as Deputy Mayor from June 6 until the end of the current term of office. The next election will be held on November 19. Councillors serve as nonvoting liaisons to a number of committees, societies and groups. Changes were made to appointments and portfolios and the updated list is on the website under Council.



City Services

Inspection Work on McMillan

On February 9 between 8 pm and 4 am, an inspection of storm and sanitary sewers on McMillan Street between Hirst Avenue and Island Highway (including intersections) will be undertaken. The work is necessary to complete the detailed engineering design for the McMillan Street upgrade project. Flaggers will be on site and periodic lane closures may be necessary. As this work will be performed outside of peak hours, there will be little traffic impact. However, it is expected there may be some limited noise for local residents.

Water Main Flushing

An important part of the City's ongoing maintenance program is to ensure the integrity of our water supply system. The City will implement its annual water main flushing program from February 14 to March 31. Flushing will occur between 7 am and 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday. During this time, some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure will occur. During the flushing program, residents are encouraged to keep a fresh supply of drinking water, check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if water is discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until the water runs clear. Questions should be directed to the Engineering and Operations Department at 250 248-5412.

Grant-in-Aid Spring 2011

Subject to the provisions of the City's Grant-in-Aid applications policy, the City may provide direct financial assistance to community groups and organizations (non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services) for events that benefit residents and visitors.

Organizations wishing to apply should obtain a copy of the policy to ensure the submission meets the criteria and should submit the application on the approved form which is available from the City's website or at City Hall. The Grant-in-Aid select committee will make recommendations to Council; Council is not obligated to allocate any or all of the \$2,500 budgeted funds. Deadline is 4 pm, March 4 to the Administration Department (250 954-3070).



City Dates

February 10	Advisory Design Panel
February 10	Coffee with the Mayor
February 17	Advisory Planning Commission
February 17	Coffee with the Mayor
February 21	Council and COTW
February 24	Coffee with the Mayor
March 1	OCP Community and Citizen Advisory Committees
March 3	Coffee with the Mayor
March 7	Council and COTW
March 10	Advisory Design Panel
March 10	Coffee with the Mayor

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. The public is welcome to observe the meetings of any advisory committee.

City Services

Low Flush Toilet Rebate

The City will continue to offer a rebate for the replacement of toilets using 13 litres or more with a new CSA approved low flush model. The rebate is \$75 for the installation of a low flush model of 6 litres or less; one rebate per residence. The offer is open to owners of existing residential buildings, located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Parksville, connected to both the City's water and sewer systems. Rebates will be issued on a first come/first serve basis, accepting only valid applications. This rebate program does not apply to new construction. An application form is available on the City's website or in person at City Hall. Phone 250 954-3070 for more information.



How to Reach Council

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