



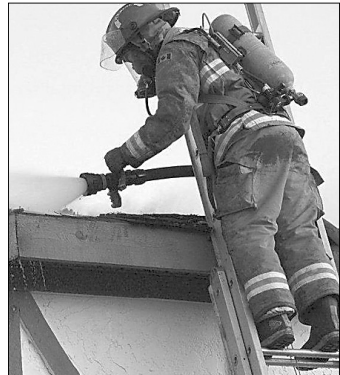
RECRUITING NOW!

Do you have what it takes?

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is recruiting community minded individuals who enjoy being part of a team. Similar to many BC communities, Parksville relies on volunteer firefighters. Applicants must live in the Parksville fire protection area, be reasonably fit, with a good driving record, available for weekly fire practices and between the ages of 19 and 60 for regular members and 16 and 19 for the junior member program.



Become a volunteer, paid-call firefighter.



- Applications:
- www.pvfd.ca
 - recruiting@pvfd.ca
 - 120 Jensen Avenue West
 - 250 248-3242

City Services

OCP Update

During February, a stakeholder workshop was held and City staff participated in a charrette which focused on key topic areas brought forward by the public at the six public workshops and two youth workshops held in the fall 2010. We have now compiled all the visioning statements received from the public. The OCP advisory committees have met over a series of eight meetings to discuss OCP themes and direction and continue to meet on a regular basis. For the next few months, staff and the OCP advisory committees will be in the data collection phase and additional public consultation opportunities will be scheduled soon.

Wood Chipping Program

Details about the City's wood chipping program which runs from April 4 to April 15, weekdays between 8 am and 4 pm, are available on the City's website under *Public Notices*. The information will also be published in the PQB News on March 18 and March 22.

Water Main Flushing

The City's annual water main flushing program runs until March 31. Flushing will occur between 7 am and 3.30 pm, weekdays. During this time, some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure will take place. 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.

City Services

Coffee with Council

In addition to regularly scheduled Thursday afternoon *Coffee with Council*, Council will also host *Coffee with Council* on the second Monday evening of the month from 6 to 8 pm with the first Monday evening scheduled for March 14. Residents are encouraged to stop by for an informal chat with members of Council, no appointment necessary. These sessions provide an informal forum in which to meet elected officials, ask questions, discuss concerns and offer suggestions. Please check the website to confirm dates.



Webcasting RFP Issued

The City has issued a request for proposals for the provision of services to provide video streaming and/or webcasting of meetings of Council from minimal service of real time streaming video to full webcasting, archival and indexing of meetings, agendas and minutes. The RFP is on the City's website under *Newsroom*. Completed proposals must be received by 2 pm, March 23, 2011.

Around The City

World Water Day 2011

The City will once again recognize United Nations World Water Day with the showing of the thought-provoking film, *The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?*, with Jane Seymour as narrator. The 70 minute film will be shown on **March 22 at 6.30 pm** in the Seaside Auditorium, Parksville Community and Conference Centre. Admission is free. This year's World Water Day theme is *Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge*. Information on the international event is available at www.unwater.org/worldwaterday or www.runningdry.org.



March Proclamations

More information about the organizations and their proclamations is available on the City website under *Newsroom*:

- Community Social Services Awareness Month
- National Cooperative Education, week of March 21
- Kidney Health Month

Cut Broom in Bloom

It will soon be the season for broom in bloom. Scotch broom is an invasive plant that spreads rapidly and densely, crowding out native plants. It should be cut to ground level, below the lowest branches, using long-handled loppers. Small plants should be pulled. When cut in bloom, broom will die in the summer's dry heat. Instructions on cutting Scotch broom are available at www.broombusters.org. If you would like to help, please email the BroomBusters Invasive Plant Society at info@broombusters.org.

2011 Census

Statistics Canada is hiring staff to work on the collection phase of the 2011 Census, ideal for recently retired persons, stay-at-home parents, students and those wanting to supplement their income. If you can commit to at least 20 hours per week including evenings, weekends and holidays, apply now. Rates of pay (\$14.72 to \$18.04 an hour) vary by assignment. The work period is 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.



Around The City

Brant Wildlife Festival

Parksville Beach is a popular stop for the Black Brant, a small goose, which migrates from California and Mexico to the Arctic. As many as 20,000 Brant may be found along the shores at peak times during March. The 21st annual Brant Wildlife Festival celebrates the Brant as they rest and feed on the shores of Parksville and Qualicum Beach. During March and April, the festival features many activities for children and adults, including wildlife viewing adventures, spring break nature camps, learn to bird and more. Event information is listed at www.brantfestival.bc.ca. Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on the Parksville beach in March and April.



City Dates

March 10	Advisory Design Panel
March 10	Coffee with Council
March 14	Coffee with Council
March 17	Advisory Planning Commission
March 17	Coffee with Council
March 21	Council and Committee of the Whole
March 22	World Water Day and film showing
March 24	Coffee with Council
March 31	Coffee with Council
April 4	Council and Committee of the Whole
April 7	Coffee with Council
April 11	Coffee with Council
April 14	Advisory Design Panel
April 14	Coffee with Council
April 18	Council and Committee of the Whole

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.

How to Reach Council

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