



City of Parksville

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## City Services

### Discover the World of Public Works



The City will celebrate National Public Works Week with an open house on Thursday, May 19. We wish to raise awareness and also recognize the good work of the City's engineering and operations staff, affectionately referred to as public works, have on improving the quality of life in our community.

The City's public works staff provide a variety of services that enhance the daily lives of Parksville residents. Services include design, construction, operations and maintenance of our roads and sidewalks, street lighting and traffic signals, parks, nature trails, as well as our water distribution system, sewage collection system, drainage facilities and City buildings and fleet. Public works are responsible for vital City systems and services on a 24/7 basis; services vital to our community's health, safety and comfort.

Activities will interest residents of all ages with demonstrations, displays, refreshments and a chance to explore and ask questions of our public works professionals. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, activities are free.

- WHO** City of Parksville, Engineering & Operations
- WHAT** Public Works Open House
- WHERE** 1116 Herring Gull Way in the Industrial Park
- WHEN** 10 am to 2 pm, Thursday, May 19
- WHY** Get to know public works staff and their jobs



## City Services

### Arrowsmith Water Service

On April 26, the AWS management board met to receive presentations and reports regarding the AWS capital plan study, communications strategy and staff reports. The public was provided with the opportunity to comment and ask questions about the Final Summary Report prepared by Associated Engineering Ltd. This report, along with AWS board minutes for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the April 26 PowerPoint presentation, is on the AWS website [www.arrowsmithwaterservice.org](http://www.arrowsmithwaterservice.org). As more information becomes available over the next few months, it will be posted to this website.

### New Recruits Now On Board

The PVFD recently completed a successful recruitment campaign. The 11 new recruits were on board May 2 for their first training session. The recruits have started an intensive training program which will give them the basic education and skills required to begin to work as members of the department. This is a team that has the ability to respond and deal effectively with emergencies when the public calls upon the services of the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department. Volunteer members are the department's most important resource and with these promising recruits, the department now has its full complement of members.

### 2011 City Taxes

At the May 9 meeting, Council set the residential property tax increase at 3% for 2011-2015 and for commercial and light industrial properties, taxes will increase by 4% for 2011-2013 and 3% for 2014-2015. Council also approved the 2011-2015 financial plan now available on the website. This plan sets out the financial requirements to enable departments to carry out projects for remainder of 2011.

In April, members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers voted 94.5% in favour of a strike and although negotiations continue, Canada Post workers could strike later this month. The City will attempt to mail tax notices by May 18 in advance of a possible postal strike on May 24. Should tax notices not be mailed prior to the strike, information will be posted on the City's website regarding alternative ways to obtain your tax notice and claim the homeowner grant. Tax payments must be received by the City and the homeowner grant claimed by July 4 to avoid penalty. This applies regardless of whether you have received your tax notice or not.

### Oceanside Homeless Count

The Oceanside Task Force on Homelessness, with the assistance of volunteers, will conduct a homeless count on May 30. When we know where, how many homeless are in the Oceanside region and the reasons for homelessness, we will be better able to plan and identify resources and services for the homeless. For more information or to assist with the count, please call 250 954-3073.

## Around The City

### Mayor for a Day

In recognition of Youth Week BC, City Council recently announced the Mayor for a Day essay contest winners. At the May 16 Council meeting, students will read their winning essays and will be recognized for their participation. Essays were passionate, honest and thoughtful and the concerns brought forward by the students are very similar to the issues faced by Council. Mayor for a Day is Liam Richardson, Deputy Mayors will be Sydney Snyder and Shelby Burrell and Paxton Gilmour received honourable mention. We look forward to meeting the students and hosting Liam as honorary mayor for the day on May 16.

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### VIREB Award of Merit

The City's spectacular waterfront walkway received an Award of Merit for Community Enhancement as a finalist for the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2010 Vancouver Island Commercial Building awards.

### Oceanside Mayors' Charity Golf

For all the golfers out there... the third annual tournament is set for June 22 at Morningstar Golf Club. Proceeds will benefit the community through the Parksville-Qualicum Foundation. The tournament is open to teams as well as individual players; cost per player is \$160 and \$550 for a team of four that includes a round of golf, power cart, sleeve of balls, BBQ lunch, dinner and prizes. Non golfers are welcome to join the dinner fun for just \$60. [www.oceansidemayorsgolf.com](http://www.oceansidemayorsgolf.com).

### Election 2011

May 17 is the last day to meet the six month BC residency requirement to be able to register to vote in the next municipal election taking place on November 19, 2011. The voters list will be provided by Elections BC for use in the election. If you are not on the provincial voters list and meet all the requirements, you may register at an advance voting opportunity or on general voting day.

## City Dates

May 10	OCP Advisory Committees
May 12	Advisory Design Panel
May 12	Coffee with Council (2-4 pm)
May 16	Council and Committee of the Whole
May 19	Advisory Planning Commission
May 19	Coffee with Council (2-4 pm)
May 23	Office closed for Victoria Day holiday
May 26	Coffee with Council (2-4 pm)
June 2	Coffee with Council (2-4 pm)
June 9	Advisory Design Panel
June 9	Coffee with Council (2-4 pm)
June 13	Coffee with Council (6-8 pm)

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 held on Wednesday. Please refer to the website to confirm times, dates and for agendas. The public is welcome to observe the meetings of any advisory committee.

## How to Reach Council

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