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City Services

McMillan Street Upgrade – City to Host Open House on August 10



The City will host an information session for residents and businesses affected by the upgrades to McMillan Street and the public is welcome to attend. City and contracting staff will answer questions about the project to begin this month. There will be no formal presentation; residents are welcome to drop by the Parksville Community and Conference Centre on August 10 between 6pm and 8pm.

A construction schedule and traffic management plan will be presented. We recognize that McMillan is a key section of City road and while it is important to maintain traffic flow and minimize traffic disruptions, maintaining access to the local businesses is a priority. Residents and businesses should let the City know about events which may be impacted by the project.

The project involves reconstruction, widening and upgrading of roadway along McMillan, from Island Highway 19A West, south through the Hirst Avenue intersection. The project includes significant safety improvements for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as undergrounding of overhead utility lines and streetscape amenities. Key elements include two pedestrian signals, wide sidewalks, bike lanes, decorative street lights and a new traffic signal at the Hirst intersection.

Water Conservation Level 2 Now In Effect

Even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered days (every other day frequency). With all conservation levels, the watering times or window to water is 6am to 10am and 6pm to 10pm. Level 2 allows a total of four hours allocated watering per day.

Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the City's Grant-in-Aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events that benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services field are eligible applicants. Deadline is 4pm, September 2. Information on this program, copies of the policy and application and instructions to apply for assistance may be obtained at City Hall or from the *Public Notices* page on the City's website.

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, City Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to meeting certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Deadline for consideration for the 2012 taxation year is noon, August 29. Details as well as an application form and the policy may be obtained at City Hall or from the *Public Notices* page on the City's website.

Election 2011

Local government elections will be held November 19. The City's website has complete election details which includes information for candidates as well as requirements to vote in a municipal election. There's an "Elections Info" quicklink at parksville.ca. Nomination packages for candidates will be available after August 26 from the administration department at City Hall.

Around The City

Let's Eat Local – October 12

Come and meet the people who grow and make our food. Farmers and food producers from Oceanside will showcase their products and share what they do. The food industry event will be held from 1-4pm and the public is welcome to attend the public market from 4-7pm, all at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre. For more information contact Carrie Powell Davidson at 250 954-3758.

ShakeOut BC - October 20

The Great BC ShakeOut drill conducted in January was a huge success, with more than 470,000 registered participants, creating an understanding of earthquake awareness and emergency preparedness. The new annual date is now the third Thursday in October and BC and the Yukon will join California, Idaho, Nevada and Guam in conducting a mass earthquake drill at the same time on the same day. We'll have much more information for you in September. In the meantime, for information and to register to participate, visit shakeoutbc.ca.

SUMMERTIME TIPS FOR YOUR GREEN BIN

When using your green bin in the warmer summer months, you can reduce pests and odours if you:

1. **Wrap** your wet food waste
2. **Chill** your meat and fish scraps
3. Keep container **lids tightly closed**
4. **Clean** the containers
5. Put the green bin at the curb on **the morning of collection.**



Get more summertime tips for your green bin by visiting www.beyondcomposting.ca and download the Summertime Tips Factsheet

Around The City

PARKSVILLE PLAN 2020 A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

The OCP advisory committees continue to meet over the summer to review the existing Official Community Plan which includes such areas as land use, development, housing, parks, utilities and transportation. Minutes of the advisory committee meetings are available on the City's OCP website and residents are welcome to observe the meetings. Residents interested in reviewing the City's current OCP may find it at parksville.ca/ocp. Feedback is welcome; contact Gayle Jackson, Director of Community Planning (parksvilleplan2020@parksville.ca).

Celebrating Beachfest

Just a few more days left to celebrate Beachfest and the Quality Foods Canadian Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition. The event finishes up with Kidfest on Sunday, August 14. The City sponsored the Big Splash Entertainment event this past weekend and City crews, including our summer students, have been great ambassadors for the many thousands of visitors to the Community Park.

City Dates

August 11	Advisory Design Panel
August 11	OCP Community Advisory Committee
August 15	Council and Committee of the Whole
August 18	Advisory Planning Commission
September 5	Office closed - Labour Day
September 7	Council and Committee of the Whole
September 8	Advisory Design Panel
September 8	Coffee with Council (2-4pm)
September 12	Coffee with Council (6-8pm)
September 15	Advisory Planning Commission
September 15	Coffee with Council (2-4pm)
September 19	Council and Committee of the Whole

The public is encouraged to attend Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held during the summer months, on the third Monday of the month and throughout the year on the first and third Mondays of the month starting at 6pm. Please refer to the City's website to confirm times, dates and for agendas. The public is welcome to observe the meetings of any advisory committee.

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