

it's your City!



Around The City

New City of Parksville Council



At the December 5 inaugural meeting, the 2011-2014 Council was sworn in, witnessed by friends, family and the media. Council portfolios and appointments to boards, commissions and associations were approved by Council at this meeting. In the photo, left to right: Councillors Bill Neufeld, Carrie Powell-Davidson, Peter Morrison, Mayor Chris Burger, Councillors Al Greir, Sue Powell, Marc Lefebvre. A copy of Mayor Burger's inaugural address may be found on the City's website at <http://parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=403>

Snow Season is Upon Us

The City monitors road and weather conditions throughout the winter months. When snow and icy conditions are forecast, crews and equipment are prepared and when it snows, crews are dispatched to clear roads on a priority basis. The City's first priority during and after a snowfall is to clear major arterial streets (such as Island Highway, Alberni Highway) as well as access to emergency services such as the RCMP, fire hall and ambulance station. Clearing collector streets (such as Temple, Pym, Hirst) is the second priority. Once conditions have stabilized on these priority routes, crews will begin to clear residential streets. Should we experience continued snow, it may take crews longer to reach residential streets.



You can help

The City's website has a section on snow and ice with guidelines for plowing of streets, clearing of sidewalks, how residents can best prepare for a snowfall and how to help when it snows.

<http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=356>

We hope you will take a few minutes to review.



Online Resident Satisfaction Survey

There's a resident satisfaction survey on the City's website open until January 15. Questions are the same as those asked in the 2008 resident satisfaction survey and the more comprehensive resident survey in 2010. This survey will assist staff and Council to evaluate services offered by the City and obtain the community's input regarding service priorities. We encourage residents to take a few minutes to complete this online survey; we do value your input.



City Services

McMillan Street Progress Update

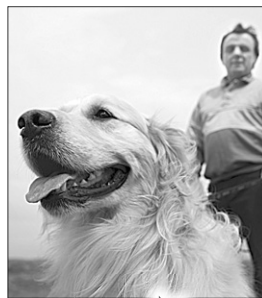
Windley Contracting is installing the infrastructure to convert overhead utilities to underground at a later date and also for street lighting and street trees prior to placement of curb, gutter and concrete sidewalks. Once the east sidewalk is finished, work will begin on the west side, leaving one continuous sidewalk corridor at all times. Drivers and pedestrians are encouraged to be patient and attentive to traffic control personnel, this will help to ensure a safe environment for workers and travellers.

Loose Dogs

The City will respond to complaints of loose dogs where the dog has been captured or in the control of a member of the public. We do not respond to calls where a dog is loose as the dog is seldom there when we arrive at the location. The public should call the bylaw compliance department at 250 954-3080. If there is a concern for animal welfare, contact the Parksville-Qualicum SPCA (250 248-3811). The SPCA has the authority to investigate and take action to protect the welfare of animals.

Notice to Dog Owners

Dog tags for the calendar year 2012 are available for purchase in person at City Hall. Bylaw 1284 requires that all dogs over the age of six months be licenced. By January 31 - spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30. After January 31 - spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35.



Notice to Businesses

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2012 calendar year. Fees are due by January 31. Payment may be mailed or paid in person at City Hall. Business Licence Bylaw 1991, No. 1079.1 requires that all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City.

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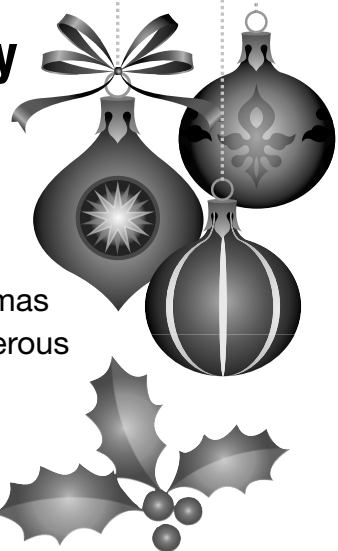
City Seeking ADP and APC Members

The Advisory Planning Commission and Advisory Design Panel each have openings for a new member. This community service work does not receive remuneration. Please send applications to Gayle Jackson, Director of Community Planning, PO Box 1390, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville V9P 2H3 (250 954-4660). Applications will be accepted until January 6 at which time Council will make the appointments.

- The APC advises 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 not a prerequisite (24 month term).
- ADP advises Council on design matters associated with specific development applications. Members are expected to have design experience and qualifications. Some members must be architects, landscape architects or individuals with a design related degree or experience in universal design. Preference may be given to residents; all interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

It's the Holiday Season!

Council and staff of the City of Parksville wish you and your family, a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2012.



2012 Council Meeting Dates

Pursuant to Section 127 of the Community Charter and Council Procedure Bylaw, 2003, No. 1386, a schedule of dates, times and places of regular municipal Council and Committee meetings for 2012, is posted on the City notice board at the Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, for viewing during regular office hours 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. The meeting schedule may also be viewed on the City's website.

City Dates

December 15	Advisory Planning Commission
December 15	Coffee with Council
December 19	Council and Committee of the Whole
December 26	Office closed
December 27	Office closed
January 2	Office closed
January 4	CANCELLED Council/Committee
January 5	Coffee with Council
January 12	Coffee with Council
January 16	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 at 6 pm. The public is welcome to observe the meetings of any advisory committee. Please refer to the City's website for agendas and to confirm times and dates.

How to Reach Council

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 Peter Morrison.....250 240-4050
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 Sue Powell.....250 951-1082
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