

# it's your City!

*Council and staff of the City of Parksville wish you and your family, a most healthy and prosperous 2012.*

## The City's Top Ten (and more) for 2011

Here are a few of our many accomplishments during this past year (in no particular order):

1. New picnic shelter and dual mast play structure for the Community Park.
2. The 2011-2014 Council was sworn in December 5 following local government elections in November.
3. Englishman River Water Service received \$1.3 million grant for aquifer storage and recovery feasibility study. ERWS capital plan study completed, acquired 22 acre site for water treatment plant and new AWS/ERWS website.
4. Construction on the McMillan Street upgrade is about 50% complete.
5. Oceanside Task Force on Homelessness participation with homeless count in May and an extreme weather shelter for the region.
6. With a new consultant and \$81,400 grant from FCM, the City's OCP review is back on track.
7. Many long-term staffing vacancies were successfully filled in 2011.
8. New *File Pro* document system introduced.
9. *Mayor for a Day* contest held to recognize Local Government Awareness Week and Youth Week BC.
10. Emergency preparedness workshops (EP 101) held in May and we participated in two BC Shakeout earthquake drills.
11. Waterfront walkway project received an Award of Merit for Community Enhancement from the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board.
12. Residents discovered the world of public works when the City celebrated National Public Works Week with an open house.
13. The Parksville Fire Department has a new fire hall and in the spring, held a successful recruitment campaign.
14. Another year of spectacular looking parks and gardens throughout the City.

## City Services



### Winter Weather

The City monitors road and weather conditions throughout the winter months. The first priority during and after a snowfall is to clear major arterial streets as well as access to emergency services such as the RCMP, fire hall and ambulance station. Clearing collector streets is the second priority. Once conditions have stabilized on these priority routes, crews will begin to clear residential streets.

The City's website has a section on snow and ice control which outlines City guidelines for plowing of streets, clearing of sidewalks and how residents can best prepare and how to help. We hope you will take a few minutes to read. <http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=356>.



### A New Capital Improvements Plan

The City has begun the process to update its twenty year capital plan. The existing capital plan is outdated and contains limited current information about project ranking criteria. Working closely with staff, the consultant will identify projects with well-documented technical rankings and timelines for numerous projects. Municipal infrastructure, including water and sewer utilities, drainage facilities, roads, sidewalks, street lights, traffic signals, parks, trails, and municipal buildings will be included in the capital improvements plan.

While some programs are not direct capital investments, programs such as updating of City's water, sewer and drainage master plans, establishing pavement and asset management programs, and developing asset inventories and preventative maintenance plans, will go a long way to ensure the City designs and builds infrastructure projects in the most efficient, timely and cost-effective manner.

This proactive approach to capital investment planning will be tied to the annual budget process. Once completed, the new plan becomes a living document which can be easily updated as new information becomes available. The plan will benefit the community by providing maps which illustrate locations and anticipated timelines for improvements.

A presentation will be made to Council in the spring.

### Parksville's Official Community Plan

The City's Official Community Plan review is back on track with the hiring of new consultants, Urban Systems. The update process started in 2010 and in August 2011, the City and the previous consultant agreed to cancel the contract. The two OCP advisory committees continued to meet, with 17 meetings since November 2010.

Over the next year, the City will build on the work already completed with an energetic work plan that includes substantial resident input through meetings, public open houses, charrettes and presentations to Council. The OCP "re-launch" will take place in February with public consultation to begin in March and completion of the OCP review by the end of 2012.

Residents who wish to receive OCP updates should email [communications@parksville.ca](mailto:communications@parksville.ca).

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### Online Resident Satisfaction Survey

There's a resident satisfaction survey on the City's website until January 15. Questions are the same as those asked in the 2008 and 2010 surveys. This survey will assist staff and Council to evaluate services offered by the City and obtain the community's input regarding service priorities. Please take a few minutes to complete online; we look forward to the input provided by our residents.



### 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. Bylaw 1991, No. 1079 requires that all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City.

### 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.



## City Dates

January 12	Coffee with Council
January 16	Council and Committee of the Whole
January 19	Advisory Planning Commission
January 19	Coffee with Council
February 2	Coffee with Council
February 6	Council and Committee of the Whole
February 8	Advisory Design Panel Meeting
February 9	Coffee with Council
February 16	Advisory Planning Commission
February 16	Coffee with Council
February 20	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.

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