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Official Community Plan Review

The City's OCP review was re-launched on February 6 with a presentation to Council by consultants, Urban Systems, which included the work plan and many opportunities for public consultation over the next year. The presentation is now on the City's website. [parksville.ca/ocp].

- **What is an OCP?** A future oriented document that describes how a community wishes to evolve over the long term. It contains maps showing land uses along with goals and supporting policies which reflect the desires of the community, informed through public involvement.
- **An OCP is not zoning.** While an OCP contains land use "designations", it does not re-zone land. However, any changes in zoning must be consistent with the policies and designations of the OCP.
- **An OCP is not necessarily a sustainability plan.** A number of communities have undertaken overall sustainability plans. While Parksville's OCP will include sustainability elements and policies, it will not go into the same amount of depth and breadth as, for example, an integrated community sustainability plan.

March 4 – Re-Connect and Join the Discussion

The first in a series of public events will be an information table at Oceanside Place on March 4 from noon to 4 pm. There will be an opportunity for the public to review the process to date and provide feedback on where residents wish to see growth and development, transportation options and action on climate change. Please drop by for a chat. We look forward to your input on Parksville's plan for the future!

City Services

Water Main Flushing

The City's annual water main flushing program runs until March 30, between 7 am and 3.30 pm, weekdays. Residents should expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure. During flushing, 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. Please direct any questions to the Engineering and Operations Department at 250 248-5412.



Spring Grant-in-Aid Applications

We are now accepting applications for the spring Grant-in-Aid program. Organizations wishing to apply for funding should obtain a copy of the policy to ensure the submission meets all necessary criteria and must submit their application on the approved form. Eligible applicants are community non-profit organizations in the arts, culture, recreation or social services fields. The Grant-in-Aid Select Committee will make recommendations to Council; Council is not obligated to allocate any or all of the \$2,500 budgeted funds. Deadline is 4 pm, March 4 to the Administration Department.

Community Park - Former Hovercraft Base

Interested individuals are invited to submit a tender to lease the concrete pad at the north end of the Community Park for water sport related activities or activities which complement the nature of the park. The City's Community Park Commercial Use Policy is available on the website. Written tenders with supporting documentation should be submitted to the Administration Department by 4 pm, February 24.



Procedure Bylaw Revision

In accordance with S. 124(3) of the Community Charter Act of BC, the Council of the City of Parksville gives notice of the intent to revise the City of Parksville Procedure Bylaw to provide more flexibility and streamline Council meeting processes. A copy of the draft bylaw is available on the City's website or from the Administration Department, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre.

Persons who wish to provide comment on the proposed changes may submit proposals in writing, addressed to Mayor and Council, City of Parksville (P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3). Submissions may also be hand delivered to the Administration Department. Submissions will be accepted until 4 pm on March 12, 2012.

Around The City

McMillan Street – Almost There!

The McMillan Street project continues to be well ahead of schedule. Curbs and gutters are now in place; the east sidewalk is next, followed by the west sidewalk. Road construction will then be the next big task. Due to the nature of the pending road reconstruction and paving work, temporary rotating road closures at intersecting streets will be unavoidable. Notices will be delivered in advance when possible and advance detour signs and additional traffic control will be added to alleviate inconveniences to the travelling public. Please continue to be patient, we're almost there!

Online Survey Results

We recently conducted an online resident satisfaction survey with 93 responses. Unfortunately, there were not enough completions to allow meaningful comparisons to the 2010 results. Results with comments are on the website. The comments were provided to City departments and to Council for consideration. We requested only Parksville residents complete the survey and allowed the opportunity for more than one submission per email address to participate in order to accommodate more than one person per household.

82% rated the overall value of services received from the City as excellent, very good or good and 91.5% rated the overall quality of life as excellent, very good or good.

Around The City

Sunray Stairs Beach Access – March 6

An information session for the public will be held on March 6 in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Please drop by between 5 and 8 pm and join the Engineering Department in reviewing the new Sunray stairs beach access. The design is coming to completion and we would like to formally present it to the public.

2011 Census

On February 8, StatsCan released the 2011 population of City of Parksville; we are now at 11,977. Between 2006 and 2011, the City grew by 1,044 or 9%. The City's population was 10,933 in 2006 and 10,323 in 2001.

PCTC is Scent Free Zone

Visitors to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre are reminded the entire building is scent free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions.

Water Wise Veggie Gardening Workshop

In recognition of UN World Water Day 2012, a free workshop will be offered at 2.30 pm on March 24 on the lawn at 100 Jensen Avenue East. Organic gardening guru, Connie Kuramoto, will explain how to build a veggie patch that uses water wisely, advising which plants and mulches to choose for low-watering. Workshop is free; please register by calling 1 888 828-2069 or email recparcs@rdn.bc.ca. More info at www.teamwatersmart.ca.

City Dates

February 16	Coffee with Council
February 20	Council and Committee of the Whole
March 1	Coffee with Council
March 4	OCP Info Table at Oceanside Place
March 5	Council and Committee of the Whole
March 6	Sunray Beach Access – Info Session
March 8	Coffee with Council
March 15	Coffee with Council
March 19	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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