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## City Services

### 2012 Budget Process Completed

The City held four public meetings to compile input on budgets and tax rates. Staff presented the 2012 budget, detailing levels of services, service priorities, spending packages, how City services are funded and how municipal tax dollars are spent. Service priorities were considered in seven categories – health and safety, legislative, development and maintenance of municipal infrastructure and assets, protection of private property, organizational welfare, economic welfare and social welfare.

On April 3, Parksville Council wrapped up budget deliberations by approving a 3% tax increase for 2012. In order to provide funds for capital infrastructure renewal, the budget includes a freeze on operating expenditures over the next five years in the areas of protection of private property, organizational welfare, economic welfare and social welfare. Staff will now prepare a financial plan bylaw for adoption by Council. Please see the City's website at [Quicklinks/Financial Reports](#).



### Emergency Preparedness Week

Are you prepared? Emergencies and disasters can happen with little or no warning. Being prepared could save your life or the lives of others and significantly improve your quality of life following a disaster. Along with encouraging the public to be prepared, the City looks within to ensure that we are prepared to lessen the impact of an emergency or disaster on the City and its residents.

We have an immediate need for volunteers to prepare and look after the Emergency Social Services and Emergency Communications Team functions of the City. These functions are directed by local government and run by volunteers.

During EP Week 2012, along with volunteers, the City will host information sessions on **May 8, May 9 and May 10 from 9 am to 3 pm**. Please drop by the Atrium in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East.

- Displays and general preparedness information
- Learn about volunteer opportunities
- Chat about emergency preparedness

### Spring Wood Chipping Program

Details about the City's spring wood chipping program which runs from April 10 to April 25, weekdays between 8 am and 4 pm, is available on the City's website under [Newsroom/Public Notices](#). Information specific to neighbourhoods will also be advertised in the PQB News.



### McMillan Street Upgrade

Following the first layer of asphalt paving last week, islands and traffic loops will be installed. McMillan Street should receive the top lift of asphalt soon after, weather dependent. Should weather conditions not be suitable, this schedule will be revised. Once again, we thank you for your patience as the work is completed over the next few weeks.

### Mark Your Calendars

- Council will hold a "town hall style" Council meeting on May 23 starting at 7 pm at Ballenas Secondary School. Please watch the website and newspapers for more information.
- Public Works Open House will be held May 24 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Community Park.

### Reminders to Residents

- Utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling were mailed on March 30; please call 250-954-4653 if you do not receive your notice.
- Arrowsmith Water Service and Englishman River Water Service information brochure included with the utility notice outlines background and history, why we need a new intake and water treatment plant, future water supply system and aquifer storage and recovery. We hope you will keep this brochure for future reference.
- For the month of April, water conservation level is at Level 1, moving to Level 2 for May. Detailed information on watering times and frequency is also on the City's website under [Quicklinks/Water Conservation](#).
- During April, dogs are not allowed on the Parksville beach. For information on Brant Festival events refer to [brantfestival.bc.ca](#).

## Around The City

### Proclamations

Information about City proclamations and may be found on the website under [Newsroom/What's New](#):

April	Daffodil Month, Canadian Cancer Society
April 27	Daffodil Day, Canadian Cancer Society
May 1-7	Youth Week
May 6-12	Emergency Preparedness Week
May 20-26	Local Government Awareness and Public Works Week

### Parksville Museum and Archives



Parksville Museum and Archives, located in Craig Heritage Park, will be open daily from May 1 to September 30, from 10 am to 5 pm. The Museum invites residents and visitors to

join them on May 12 for the 2012 season grand opening. Official ceremonies begin at 11 am with admission by donation. The Museum will open the season with a new exhibit on Heritage Quilts presented by the Parksville Quilt House Quilters' Guild. [parksvillemuseum.ca](#)

## City Dates

April 12	Advisory Design Panel
April 12	Coffee with Council
April 16	Council and Committee of the Whole
April 19	Advisory Planning Commission
April 19	Coffee with Council
April 19	Plan Parksville Opening Session
April 20	Plan Parksville Workshop
April 21	Plan Parksville Open House
April 24	OCF Advisory Committees
April 26	Coffee with Council
May 3	Coffee with Council
May 7	Council and Committee of the Whole
May 10	Advisory Design Panel
May 10	Coffee with Council
May 17	Advisory Planning Commission
May 17	Coffee with Council
May 21	Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
May 22	OCF Advisory Committees
May 23	Town Hall Style Council Meeting
May 24	Public Works Open House
May 24	Coffee with Council

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## PLAN PARKSVILLE Official Community Plan Review

In March, a special joint meeting of the OCP advisory committees was held to identify shared values and goals of the community. Committee members, members of Council, staff and the public participated.

The facilitator helped the group form a clear future vision for Parksville and for the OCP. The "common vision" came together through conversation and a collage which was made up of images, stories and best hopes for Parksville as told on postcards by participants. As well, a graffiti board highlighted what people saw as the best future of Parksville.

The City's Official Community Plan advisory committees, staff and consultants have been busy with many activities and are now ready for next steps in the process.

Plans are underway for a workshop with opening session and a community open house; all events will be held at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

### Plan Parksville Events

This is an intensive workshop where professional planners and designers work with attendees to develop a number of preliminary design and policy options for the City. This condensed, time-limited and collaborative workshop is intended to lead to creative outcomes that are well-supported by all workshop attendees and available for public presentation on April 21.

### Plan Parksville workshop?

We are looking for residents willing to actively participate in the opening session the evening of Thursday, April 19 and the all-day workshop session on Friday, April 20.

### How to register?

If you would like to participate, please email [planparksville@parksville.ca](mailto:planparksville@parksville.ca) or call 250 954-3061. Due to limited space, participants may be chosen at random.

What	Who	When
Opening session	Everyone	April 19, 7-9 pm
Workshop	Limited	April 20, 8:30 am-5:30 pm
Open House	Everyone	April 21, Noon-3 pm