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## Our Top Ten Capital Projects

Council recently approved the first three readings of the 2012 budget which includes capital improvement projects and initiatives. Here are our top ten new projects.

### Drainage and Sewer Master Plans \$300,000

Updates to older plans will identify deficiencies, improve our maps, enhance storm water quality, improve our ability to process development applications and streamline identification of future capital needs.

### Pavement Management System \$200,000

Includes field condition assessment of street pavements as well as engineering software which when loaded, the field assessment and other relevant data will allow pavement rehabilitation strategies to be more cost effective through more identification and prioritization of pavement repair projects.

### Drainage and Sewer Easements \$150,000

The City owns and maintains some sewer pipelines and drainage culverts and ditches without proper access easements. The extent and costs to acquire easements will be determined.

### Community Park Ball Field Project \$230,000

In 2011, ball fields experienced costly emergency repairs; field surfacing compressed so rainwater could not percolate into drainage system. Drainage will be restored and the existing irrigation vault will be rebuilt as a non-confined space concrete vault near parking lot.

### Community Park Building \$315,000

Design in 2012 and construction in 2013, the building will provide a modern, functional concession stand, more washroom capacity in the park and space for maintenance equipment and supplies.

### Banks Avenue Reconstruction \$551,000

Design by in-house engineering will start in 2012. Banks is one of the oldest, most problematic streets to maintain in Parksville.

### Public Works Equipment Storage Building \$145,000

Our public works facilities have exceeded their useful life. A 12,000 square foot pre-fabricated steel building will be purchased and subsequent budgets will fund installation, interior improvements and furnishings.

### Railroad Tracks Safety Repairs \$81,000

Working with Southern Railway, repairs will be made to rubber track crossings over Alberni Highway and 19A (east Parksville).

### New Water Chambers \$55,000

Reconstruction of four water fire screen/air valve vaults to better allow City crews to perform ongoing maintenance in a safe, efficient and effective manner.

### Anti-Icing Spray Unit \$45,000

Truck-mounted system to minimize ice build-up on primary roadways and more effective snow plowing.

## City Services

### Town Hall Style Council Meeting – May 23

On Wednesday, May 23 at 7 pm, Council will hold a “town hall style” meeting in the Ballenas High School Theatre. This will be a less formal opportunity for Council to discuss specific topics with residents. Similar to a Council meeting, there will be welcoming comments by the Mayor, brief staff presentations on pre-determined topics and a chance for residents to voice concerns and preferences on the agenda items.

### 2012 City Taxes

On April 30, Council set the residential property tax increase at 3% for 2012 and at 4% for commercial and light industry properties. Council also approved the 2012-2016 financial plan now available on the website *Quicklinks/Financial Reports*. Tax notices will be mailed the last week of May and payment must be received by the City and the homeowner grant claimed by July 3, 2012, to avoid penalty.

### Water Conservation Level 2

Water conservation Level 2 is now effect through August unless otherwise advised. Information on watering times and frequency is on the website under *Quicklinks/Water Conservation*.

### Public Works Open House – May 24

To celebrate Public Works Week, the City will host an open house on May 24 in the Community Park from 10 am to 2 pm.



Activities are free; demonstrations, displays, refreshments and a chance to learn about the world of public works should interest residents of all ages.

### Proud to Serve Our Community

We are proud to highlight our public works professionals who maintain the City's infrastructure and services and enhance the daily lives of our residents – such services as design, construction, operations and maintenance of roads and sidewalks, street lighting and traffic signals, parks, nature trails, water distribution system, sewage collection system, drainage facilities and City fleet and buildings.

## Around The City

### Proclamations

Information about City proclamations and may be found on the website under *Newsroom/What's New*:

- May 6-12 Emergency Preparedness Week
- May 20-26 Local Government Awareness Week
- May 20-26 Public Works Week
- May Parksville-Qualicum Fish and Game Month

### Emergency Preparedness Week Reminder

During EP Week, 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 Parksville Civic and Technology Centre where we are featuring displays and general preparedness information and you will have a chance to learn about volunteer opportunities and chat about emergency preparedness.

### Parksville Museum and Archives

The Museum's season opening will be celebrated on Saturday, May 12 at 11am; admission by donation. Museum hours 10 am to 5 pm daily until September 30. [www.parksvillemuseum.ca](http://www.parksvillemuseum.ca)

## City Dates

May 10	Coffee with Council
May 17	Advisory Planning Commission
May 17	Coffee with Council
May 21	Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
May 22	OCP Advisory Committees
May 23	Town Hall Style Council Meeting (Ballenas High School Theatre)
May 24	Public Works Open House
May 24	Coffee with Council
May 28	Council and Committee of the Whole
May 31	Coffee with Council
June 7	Coffee with Council
June 12	OCP Advisory Committees
June 14	Advisory Design Panel
June 14	Coffee with Council
June 18	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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## PLAN PARKSVILLE Official Community Plan Review



In April, about fifty participants, including advisory committee members, general public, staff and Council, attended a collaborative workshop and public open house. Professional planners and designers worked with attendees to develop preliminary design and policy options for the City. The world-café style discussion was based around six themes: land use and built form, economic development, transportation, people, natural environment and parks and recreation.

Results were presented at an open house where the public provided feedback through comments and sticker voting. These creative outcomes are now on the City's website under *Quicklinks/OCP Review*. The workshop and open house resulted in substantial input which will be used with all other public consultation to begin to draft the new Official Community Plan.

