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PLAN PARKSVILLE Official Community Plan Review

Looking for Residents to Complete Online Questionnaires



There are two new questionnaires on the City's website; we are looking for residents to provide input by choosing priorities for Parksville. Both questionnaires follow OCP public consultation activities which took place earlier in the year where six inter-related themes were developed around issues important to residents.

These themes are:

- **Transportation** – road network, cycling, walking, transit and electric vehicles
- **Parks and recreation** – community parks and facilities
- **Natural environment** – identifying sensitive areas, protecting land, water and shoreline
- **Land use and built form** – downtown and waterfront development, density and multifamily housing
- **Economic development** – retain and grow business and job opportunities; attract young and old
- **People** – affordable housing, arts and culture and public gathering places

The questionnaires, accessible from the home page of the City's website should take about 15 minutes to complete. Instructions on how to choose your priorities are provided. The questionnaires will be available until October 2. If you have questions, please call 250 954-3073.



The draft Official Community Plan is being prepared and will be presented to residents later this fall. Residents will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback through public open houses; dates will be announced later.

City Notices

Special Committee Meeting to Review Water and Sewer Billing Systems

A special Committee of the Whole meeting to review the City's current water and sewer billing systems will be held on Thursday, September 13 at 6 pm in the Forum, Parksville Civic & Technology Centre. The public is welcome to attend. At this meeting, staff will present to the Committee several different options for water rate billing systems and for the City's current billing system for the French Creek sewage treatment plant.



Level 1 Water Conservation

Water Conservation Level 1 is now in effect in the City of Parksville. Level 1 allows a total of six hours of watering per watering day. Times are 6am to 10am and 6pm to 10pm every other day. Detailed information is on City's website [Quicklinks/Water Conservation].

City Services

Webcasting of Council Meetings

Residents will soon be able to watch both live and archived Council meetings from their own computers. Live webcasts of City Council meetings will be available as of October 2. The archived webcasts, which will be indexed by agenda items, will be accessible on the City's website within two days of the meetings.

Railway Crossings Upgraded

We have received many great comments on recent upgrades to the railway crossings on Alberni Highway and also Craig's Crossing, Highway 19A. Scheduled repairs included replacement of some track ties, installation of track seals and paving which has improved the road grade and reduced the bumps for vehicles crossing the tracks.

Great BC ShakeOut Drill – October 18 at 10.18 am

Mark your calendars and register for the 2012 Great British Columbia Shakeout drill. More than 12.5 million people worldwide registered to participate in the 2011 drill. Participating in this annual opportunity to practice earthquake safety is a great way for you and your family or for businesses to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from major earthquakes. Participating creates a positive understanding

of the importance of earthquake awareness and emergency preparedness. For information updates, resources and to register to participate on October 18, go to www.shakeoutbc.ca. Additional information about the BC ShakeOut Drill will be provided by the City in next month's City news page and on the website.



Did you know...

- You can find new Parksville businesses listed each month on the City's website under the *Business* tab.
- 252 - number of 2012 special events booked to date in City venues such as the Community Park, Springwood Park and Foster Park.

City Services

Do you have Parksville photos?



The City's website includes a gallery of photos of activities and events, flora, wildlife and scenery around Parksville. We would like to add to this gallery; if you have pictures that you are willing to share, please send them to communications@parksville.ca. We would be pleased to give you a photo credit. As well, you are most

welcome to add your Parksville photos to the City's Pinterest boards at <http://pinterest.com/cityparksville/>

Coffee with Council

Coffee with Council resumed in September. Residents are welcome to stop by City Hall between 2 and 4 pm on Thursdays for an informal chat with members of Council. These sessions provide residents with a forum in which to ask questions, discuss concerns and offer comments and suggestions. Please check the website to confirm dates. If you are not able to attend Coffee with Council, please call 250 954-3060 to make an appointment with Mayor Burger.



City Dates

September 13	Coffee with Council
September 13	Advisory Design Panel
September 13	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 17	Council and Committee of the Whole
September 20	Advisory Planning Commission
September 20	Coffee with Council
October 1	Council and Committee of the Whole
October 4	Coffee with Council
October 8	Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)
October 11	Coffee with Council
October 11	Advisory Design Panel
October 15	Council and Committee of the Whole
October 18	Advisory Planning Commission
October 18	Coffee with Council

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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