



City of Parksville

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## City Services

### Town Hall Council Meeting

The next town hall Council meeting set for November 19 at Knox United Church will provide a less formal occasion for residents to engage with Council. Agenda items will be determined by the Mayor in collaboration with Council and staff. The Council meeting starts at 6 pm with the town hall meeting to follow at 7 pm. We hope you will attend.

### Web Streaming of Council Meetings

Starting with the October 1 meeting, residents may now watch both live and archived web streaming of Council meetings held in the Forum. The archived webcasts, which will be indexed by agenda item, will be accessible on the City's website. The link to web streaming is on the home page of the City's website. Questions should be directed to 250 954-3073 or communications@parksville.ca

### Tree Management Bylaw

In response to an expressed community desire to preserve trees in our City, Council requested staff pursue development of a new tree bylaw. Bylaw 1484 now protects all trees (except cottonwood and alder) in Parksville. Residents who are planning the removal or topping of any tree (having a diameter of more than 10 centimetres/3.9 inches) on their property will now require a permit; this applies to hazardous trees as well. A tree cutting permit is not required for pruning. Because there are some exceptions to the rules, residents should contact the Community Planning and Building Department at 250 954-4697 prior to obtaining a permit.

### Fall Wood Chipping Service

The City's wood chipping program is now underway. Please refer to the website, the PQB News, or call 250 248-5412 for the schedule.

### Water Rate Billing System



The City is in the process of revising the tiered billing rates for water and if approved, the new rates will apply for the next billing cycle which is March 2013. The proposed new rates still use a tiered billing system but with changes for both residential and commercial customers. Information on the rates, presentations to Council and a water rate calculator is on the City's website under *Residents/Utility Billing*.

### Utility Notices

Reminder to residents - notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling were mailed on September 30. If you do not receive your notice by October 9, call 250 954-4653.

## Mikey Stilwell Proudly Recognized

In recognition of her accomplishments, September 23 was proclaimed by Council as *Michelle Stilwell Day in the City of Parksville*. At the community celebration, the Paralympic gold medalist, world record holder and Parksville resident was presented with the first ever, "Key to the City of Parksville." As well, Michelle also received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal as the City's nomination through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

## Around The City

### Great BC ShakeOut Drill

Reminder to mark your calendars and register for the 2012 Great BC Shakeout drill. Participating 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 updates, resources and to register [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).



## City Dates

October 11	Coffee with Council
October 11	Advisory Design Panel
October 13	Parksville Fire Department Open House
October 15	Council and Committee of the Whole
October 18	Coffee with Council
October 18	Advisory Planning Commission
October 25	Coffee with Council
November 1	Coffee with Council
November 5	Council and Committee of the Whole
November 8	Coffee with Council
November 8	Advisory Planning Commission
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Office closed for statutory holiday
November 15	Coffee with Council
November 15	Advisory Planning Commission
November 19	Council and Town Hall Council Meeting

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

### MAYOR

Chris Burger.....250 954-4661

### COUNCILORS

Al Greir.....250 248-1285  
 Marc Lefebvre .....250 248-2292  
 Peter Morrison.....250 240-4050  
 Bill Neufeld .....250 954-2063  
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## PLAN PARKSVILLE

The revised Official Community Plan is now being drafted and later this fall will be presented to residents who will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback through public open houses. At this time, the information gathered from public input since 2010 is being reviewed as part of the process to draft the OCP. The results from the two questionnaires which closed to public input on October 2 will be tabulated and posted on the City's website. (*Quicklinks/OCP*).

## Around The City

### The Greening of Parksville



Thanks to Tree Canada Foundation, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and Home Hardware, Parksville is a little greener. TD Friends of the Environment with support from Tree Canada and the hard work of local TD employees, volunteers and City staff, 250 trees were planted in Springwood Park.

Parksville Home Hardware's Bill and Carol Ormiston and Chris Mohr facilitated the

grant which has seen eleven trees planted in locations throughout the City. Most noticeable is the Bruns Serbian Spruce at the corner of Craig Street and Highway 19A planted as a celebration tree in partnership with the Parksville Downtown Business Association and the City.



### Keeping the Community Safe RCMP Volunteers Need Help

Three groups which serve the community with a variety of duties are looking for help. Contact John Bishop (250 240-0874), Community Policing (250 954-2233) or RCMP Oceanside Detachment (250 248-6111).

- Citizens on Patrol (COPs) - drive, walk and help with events (days/nights in pairs and groups for special events), help the community prevent crime as eyes and ears for the RCMP.
- Community Policing- works from offices in Parksville and Qualicum Beach with a variety of programs that help with crime prevention and create a safe environment for all ages.
- Speedwatch - works with RCMP to reduce speeding in school zones, playground areas and high crash locations; uses radar gun, reader board and speed limit signage to remind drivers of posted speed limit and the speed they are driving. Enforcement provided by partner traffic officers who issue warnings or traffic tickets. <http://speedwatch.ca>

### Parksville FD Open House - October 13

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department will open its doors to the public on Saturday, October 13 from 10 am to 3 pm. Join local firefighters for a day of fun and activities; tour the new fire hall, sit in the trucks, try on some gear and most importantly, learn some possible lifesaving strategies for fire prevention.

Fire Prevention Week is recognized October 7-13 with this year's theme, "Have Two Ways Out". More information at [www.pvfd.ca](http://www.pvfd.ca)