



City of Parksville

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2013 Budget Deliberations Completed

Each year, staff and Council work together to prepare a five-year financial plan which includes the current year's budget and projections for the next four years.

Service priorities are grouped into seven categories - health and safety; legislation; development and maintenance of municipal infrastructure and assets; protection of private property; organizational welfare; economic welfare; and community and social welfare. In 2012, in addition to a hiring freeze on new positions, Council voted to keep 2013 spending on the bottom four service priorities which amount to just under half the operating budget, at 2012 levels. Staff expanded on this direction and delivered a 2013 operating budget with a total for all categories below 2012 expenditure levels.

Factoring in inflation and the need to absorb a 2.5% increase in wages and still keep spending at 2012 levels, \$275,000 was cut from the 2013 operating budget. At the first meeting, staff provided Council with these cuts plus a revised capital expenditure plan which included many new infrastructure replacement projects and left the City with accumulated deficits starting in 2016.

At the second meeting in order to eliminate the deficits, Council directed staff to provide options for further

reductions which would result in about the same accumulated surplus balances for 2013 through 2017 as would have been provided by an additional 1% tax increase over and above the 3% tax increase already included in the financial plan. On December 6, the options presented by staff provided a positive accumulated surplus balance through the twenty year financial plan. Council accepted all staff's options, approved the budget as presented and directed staff to bring forward the budget bylaw for the 2013-2017 Provisional Financial Plan for their consideration.

Local governments are required by legislation to have balanced budgets regardless of the economy. This means no debt can be incurred to fund the basic annual operating expenditures. Debt can only be used to fund capital projects. Municipal revenues are derived from property taxes, user fees/licensing and other sources of revenue. The City's water and sewer funds operate on a breakeven basis and are separate from general revenue.

Detailed information about the budget process including presentations, explanation of service priorities and a copy of the draft 2013-2017 Provisional Financial Plan may be found on the web [Quicklink Financial Reports].

Around The City

Volunteer With Oceanside Emergency Support Services

Disaster can strike at any time. The provincial ESS program provides short term disaster relief across BC in the event of fires, floods, earthquakes or other emergencies. Oceanside ESS depends on community volunteers to plan and provide for the essential needs of individuals, families, and response workers. This may include food, lodging, clothing, emotional support and finding loved ones. The task of planning for disasters requires energy and creativity and depends on the commitment and dedication of many volunteers.

We need your help. Disaster work offers a unique opportunity to help others when help is needed most. Working in this field challenges volunteers to stretch their own limits and potential. No specific skills are required; training and experience is provided. When the unimaginable happens you would want help, find out how you can be that help for someone else. To learn how you can contribute, call Tom Williams at 250 937-0448.

City Notices

2013 Council Appointments

Council recently approved appointments to committees, boards, commissions and associations from December 4, 2012 to December 2, 2013. This information may be found on the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Appointments]

City Seeking New APC Members

The Advisory Planning Commission is looking for new members to serve a two-year term. The APC advises Council on matters respecting land use and community planning. Detailed information and how to apply may be found on the web.

2013 Council Meeting Dates

Pursuant to the Community Charter and Council Procedure Bylaw, 2003, No. 1386, a schedule of dates, times and places of regular municipal Council and Committee meetings for 2013, is posted on the City notice board at 100 Jensen Avenue East, for viewing during regular office hours. The schedule may also be viewed on the website.

Notice to Dog Owners in Parksville

Notices for 2013 dog licences have now been mailed. Bylaw No. 1284 requires all dogs in the City must be licenced and wearing a tag. If you have not received a notice or if you currently own a dog over the age of six months, you are required to obtain a licence and dog tag. Annual dog licences are due by January 31 and are valid for the calendar year; dog tags may be purchased in person at City Hall. Licence fees - by January 31 spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30. After January 31 spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35.



Christmas GREETINGS

Enjoy the Holiday Season!
Council and staff of the City of Parksville wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2013.



City Services

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. Information on the rates, presentations to Council and a water rate calculator is on the City's website under Residents/Utility Billing.

Things to know...

- Council meetings held in the Forum may be viewed live and archived from the City's website (*home page link*). Questions should be directed to 250 954-3073 or communications@parksville.ca
- The website has a winter conditions section (*home page quicklink*) with info about street plowing, sidewalk clearing and how residents can best prepare for a snowfall. We hope you will take a few minutes to read.

City Dates

December 13	Coffee with Council
December 17	Council Meeting
December 20	Advisory Planning Commission
December 25 & 26	Offices closed for Christmas holidays
January 1	Offices closed New Year's Day
January 7	Council Meeting CANCELLED
January 10	Coffee with Council
January 17	Coffee with Council
January 21	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

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It's Your City is published in the PQB News on the second Tuesday of the month with a copy on the City's website. We are committed to improving communications with our residents and you can help by providing your comments and suggestions to 250 954-3073 or communications@parksville.ca.

PLAN PARKSVILLE Official Community Plan Review



The City wishes to take this opportunity to thank the public for their continued input to our OCP review process. As we go forward, we would like to remind the public input by correspondence prior to the commencement of the formal statutory process is encouraged. Please continue to watch this page and the website for updates and announcements of future open houses.