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Budget 2013 – Have Your Say

The public is invited to participate in the City's budget deliberations. The first meeting will be held on April 18 at 5 pm; this special Committee of the Whole meeting will be held in the Forum (100 Jensen Avenue East). Public input is an integral part of the financial planning process and Council is interested in receiving your comments. Here is how you can contribute to the discussion:

- Attend in person. Opportunity for comments will be provided
- Watch live online through the City's web streaming or archived at another time
- Send comments by email communications@parksville.ca
- Comment on Facebook or Twitter
- From an open ended comment form on the website

If you are not familiar with the City's budget information, the draft 2013-2017 Provisional Financial Plan and other documents may be viewed on the web [Quicklink - Financial Reports].

Comments, submitted by April 26 will be provided to Council prior to the second budget deliberation meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 pm. Additional public input is welcome on May 1, however; comments must be made in person at this meeting. Please note that comments become part of the public record. So whether you attend in person or watch online, we hope you will have a say.



Around the City

Drinking Water Week - May 20-26

Open House at Springwood Water Facility

Springwood facility at 550 Despard Avenue in Parksville will be open for tours on May 22 between 11 am and 3 pm. It's a great chance to learn about your water supply.

Looking for "Drinking Water" Photos

Submit your photos depicting how you respect and/or enjoy your drinking water. Contest guidelines and details at www.teamwatersmart.ca. Deadline is May 10. Grand prize is a helicopter tour of the RDN drinking watersheds donated by SunWest Helicopters.



WaterSmart Workshops

A series of free workshops are being offered on such subjects as lawn alternatives and xeriscaping, efficient irrigation and landscaping for streamside landowners. Information is available at www.teamwatersmart.ca [Events and Workshops]

City Services

Highway 19A Improvements

Construction on municipal infrastructure upgrades on Highway 19A between Moilliet Street and Rushton Lane has begun. Improvements include reconstruction, widening and upgrading of about 800 meters of roadway and underground infrastructure along 19A from Moilliet, west through the Bay Avenue intersection. Highlights include the realignment and reconstruction of Bay with sidewalks, bike lanes and streetlights, new intersection and traffic signals at Bay and 19A, upgraded traffic signals at Moilliet and 19A, new water and storm drainage infrastructure on 19A and Bay, and a new continuous sidewalk connection from Dogwood Street to Rushton Lane on Highway 19A.

Construction is planned to be substantially complete by October 2013. As with all major road construction work, there may be inconveniences during construction. Two lanes of traffic on Highway 19A will be maintained for vehicle traffic. In order to perform work in a safe and efficient manner, temporary lane and road closures and potable water disruptions may occur. Residents will be notified by the contractor at least 48 hours prior to any disruption.



Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations New to Parksville

With funding through the Community Charging Infrastructure Fund, the City has installed two electric vehicle charging stations at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre and one in the Community Park. Through this fund, stations are popping up around the province, allowing residents and visitors to charge their electric vehicles.

Initially the charging service will be at no cost to the car owner/driver and charging will be accessible 24 hours a day. The City will revisit this after the first year of operation. To use the station, a card may be purchased from AddENERGIE for \$10. www.vernetwork.net



City Notices

PLAN PARKSVILLE: A Vision For Our Future

The City hosted three open houses in February and March to provide opportunity for public review of the draft OCP. It is expected that the OCP bylaw will advance to the statutory process shortly. The most current version of the OCP and map schedules is provided on the City's website [Quicklink OCP Review]. Those interested in the OCP process should view upcoming Council meeting agendas to determine when the bylaw will be discussed by Council.

Spring Wood Chipping Program

Details about this year's wood chipping program which runs until April 25, weekdays between 8 am and 2.30 pm, is on the web under *Newsroom/Public Notices*. This will be the only wood chipping program offered in 2013. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

Utility Notices

Reminder to residents that utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling were mailed at the end of March. If you do not receive your notice, please call 250 954-4653.

Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

For those who have received written notification from the City, notice is given that the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 15 at 5.45 pm (Forum, PCTC) to hear complaints and review and correct the assessment rolls. The panel will hear complaints as to:

- ensure names and addresses of the owners are correct
- whether or not the parcels of land about the water and/or sewer mains
- errors or omissions respecting the inclusion of property on the roll

The revised Water, Sewer and RDN Parks Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday, from March 28 to April 15 in the finance department. A complaint will not be heard by the panel unless written notice of complaint has been submitted to the City at least 48 hours prior to the meeting time appointed for the sitting of the panel. This notice is published in accordance with Section 204(2)(c) of the Community Charter.

City Dates

April 11	Coffee with Council
April 15	Council and Committee of the Whole
April 18	Budget Deliberation (COTW)
April 18	Advisory Planning Commission
April 18	Coffee with Council
April 25	Coffee with Council
April 29	Special Committee of the Whole
May 1	Budget Deliberation (COTW)
May 2	Coffee with Council
May 6	Council and Committee of the Whole
May 9	Advisory Design Panel
May 9	Coffee with Council
May 16	Advisory Planning Commission
May 16	Coffee with Council
May 20	Statutory Holiday
May 22	Council and Committee of the Whole
May 23	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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