



City of Parksville

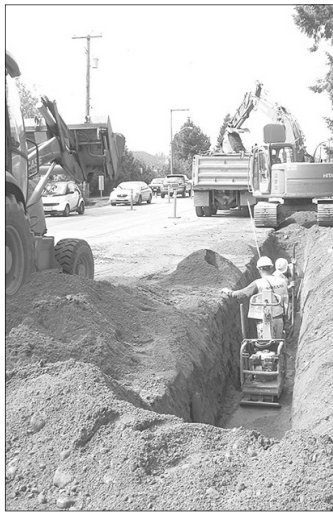
it's your City!

The Parksville Museum and Archives is open every day from 10 am to 5 pm
parksvillemuseum.ca

City Services

19A Improvements Doing Well

Construction on municipal infrastructure upgrades on Highway 19A between Moilliet Street and Rushton Lane are now well underway. The entire project should be completed in October; however, construction is expected to be substantially complete by the end of June so there will be no disruptions during summer months and peak traffic along Highway 19A. Installation of water and sanitary utilities is finished and the Moilliet Street light will soon be replaced. During this time, there will be no light at the intersection. Traffic personnel and/or construction signage will be at the intersection during the day; however, outside of these hours, residents should try to avoid this intersection.



As with all major road construction, there will be some inconveniences. Two lanes of traffic on Highway 19A are being maintained for vehicle traffic. For everyone's safety please slow down and obey traffic personnel while driving through the construction site. Thank you for your patience.

2013 Property Taxes

Council has set the residential and business property tax increase at 2.4% for 2013 and also approved the 2013-2017 financial plan now available on the website [Quicklinks/Financial Reports]. Tax notices will be mailed the last week in May and to avoid penalty, payment must be received by the City and the homeowner grant claimed by July 2, 2013.

It's Easy to View Accounts Online

Homeowners and businesses may access their municipal accounts from the City's website [Online Services]. With MyCity, a secure online service, customers may view previous billings, monitor utility consumption and claim the Provincial Homeowner Grant. MyCity supports licences, property tax and utility accounts. Customers may set up a profile and register each account using the folio or account number and access code from the notice or bill.

Water Conservation Level 2

Water Conservation Level 2 is now in effect. Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses on even numbered days. Watering times are 6 to 10 morning and evening for no more than two hours per period with a maximum of four hours total allocated watering per day. Watering of vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers is restricted to a hand held container or a hose with shut-off nozzle if watered outside of permitted times. Quicklinks/Water Conservation



Around the City

Beware Door-to-Door Scams

This spring, like most others, door-to-door handyman scams will increase. There are some reputable door-to-door handymen, but residents need to be aware of fraudsters trying to take advantage. They may offer to fix your roof, clean gutters or to do other odd jobs. They may tell you they are working in your neighbourhood and may even use a neighbour's name to gain your trust. They may try to entice you by saying they have left over materials from another job and can offer you an amazing deal!

Your best defence against being scammed is to never allow unsolicited handymen into your home. Reputable roofers, handymen and security companies generally do not go door-to-door. Consider asking a neighbour or someone you trust who they use for maintenance and ask them to share their contacts. If you feel threatened or suspicious about a door-to-door handyman, contact:

- Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island: 877 826-4222
- Oceanside RCMP: 250 248-6111
- Crime Stoppers (anonymously): 250 248-TIPS (248-8477) or bccrimestoppers.com

Our thanks to Cpl. Jesse Foreman, Oceanside RCMP for this information

Springwood Water Facility Open House May 22 – 11 am to 3 pm

To recognize Drinking Water Week, the City will host an open house of the Springwood water facility at 550 Despard Avenue on Wednesday, May 22 with tours offered from 11 am to 3 pm. A series of 16 wells, mechanical pumps and storage reservoirs used as a source of supply are located in the vicinity of Springwood Park. This is an opportunity for residents to view the facility and learn about the water system.



Drinking Water Week is sponsored by BC Water and Waste Association, a not-for-profit organization with a mandate to safeguard public health and the environment on matters related to water. Through activities May 20-26, Parksville along with the RDN, other municipalities and the BCWWA will educate residents about their drinking water, raising awareness of the need to conserve water and protect our environment. rdn.bc.ca [Team WaterSmart]; drinkingwaterweek.org

Bike to Work Week Ride with Council May 29 - 4 pm



May 27 to June 2 is Bike to Work Week in Parksville and to support the week, Mayor Chris Burger and Council invite Parksville residents, families and friends to join them on Wednesday, May 29 for a ride with Parksville Council. This is the second year for the rides with council and a friendly rivalry between Parksville and Qualicum Beach. We would love to win the challenge this year and need your participation to make it happen. Consider joining the ride and also registering at biketowork.ca/oceanside. You can register kilometres cycled, as a first time cyclist and for "bike to your coffee shop" discounts – it's not just about cycling to work.

The Ride with Council starts at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (City Hall), 100 Jensen Avenue East at 4 pm and will travel to Corfield, along Despard Avenue to Chestnut Street, to Hirst returning to the PCTC for refreshments. The ride is about 5 km and is expected to take 45 minutes. Map and info on the City's website.

City Dates

May 16	Coffee with Council
May 20	Statutory Holiday
May 22	Council and Committee of the Whole
May 22	Springwood Water Facility Open House
May 23	Coffee with Council
May 29	Ride with Parksville Council
May 30	Coffee with Council
June 3	Council – CANCELLED
June 6	Coffee with Council
June 13	Advisory Design Panel
June 13	Coffee with Council
June 17	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. The public is welcome to observe advisory committee meetings. Please refer to the website for agendas, dates and times.

How to Reach Council

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Chris Burger.....	250 954-4661
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Al Greir.....	250 248-1285
Marc Lefebvre	250 248-2292
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Bill Neufeld.....	250 954-2063
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Carrie Powell-Davidson.....	250 954-3758

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PLAN PARKSVILLE

OCP Update

After more than two years of public engagement, the City's OCP has entered the statutory process and received first reading at the May 6 Council meeting. The plan must now go through a number of readings prior to adoption. Through the process, the OCP was referred to other levels of government for input and open houses held in February and March provided opportunities for the public to review the draft plan. Thank you to those who attended the events and submitted comments. The public is invited to provide input throughout the statutory process and encouraged to watch the website for notice of the upcoming public hearing, most likely in June.