



City of Parksville

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Summer by the Sea Street Market on Craig Street from June 11 to August 27

Understanding Parksville's Fire Service

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department recently conducted an online survey intended to assist in the review and update of their strategic plan. The public was asked to provide comments and suggestions for improvements to services they wish to see and also provide input related to community expectations of the department. Survey results may be found on City and PVFD websites.

Responses showed the PVFD needs to do a better job in providing information about their role in the community and their activities. In this space over the next four months, we will endeavour to provide that information. Should you have questions or comments, contact the department directly or email communications@parksville.ca and we will try to answer them here. Next month we will explain the range of services provided by the department.

In BC there are about 350 independent community-based fire departments protecting the lives and property of residents through the provision of fire, rescue and emergency services. The PVFD serves 17,000 residents (20,000 peak summertime) in the Parksville Fire Protection Area which includes the City of Parksville and contract areas within the RDN - San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, Fourneau Road and the Forever Green Estates.

There is no mandatory legislative requirement in BC for a community to have a fire department and essentially all decisions related to the fire/rescue service are made at the community level. The City of Parksville is responsible for fire department services in our



community, including evaluating the need for services, providing necessary resources and assessing the capabilities of the department. The cost of fire/rescue services is borne by residents.

While fire suppression will continue to be the most visible part of PVFD responsibilities, the department does much more than fight fires. In addition to protecting our community, the department responds to motor vehicle incidents, residential and commercial alarms, burning complaints, hazardous materials incidents and provides rescue services, medical first response and other public services such as public education and mutual aid to neighbouring departments. As well, Council is mandated to provide fire inspections of hotels and public buildings in the municipality as required by the Fire Services Act.

At the heart of the PVFD is a commitment to community service. The department is dedicated to providing the best possible customer service to the residents of the Parksville Fire Service Area.

City Services

Highway 19A Improvements

Construction continues in earnest along the Highway 19A corridor with the underground utilities nearing completion. Road works are underway and weather permitting will be substantially complete by the end of June. There will be no disruptions during summer months and peak traffic along 19A. Once again we remind residents to slow down, obey traffic signs and follow the instructions of traffic control personnel. We do appreciate your patience during construction.

Parksville's Community Park

Resurfacing of the sports field will begin the first week of July with reopening of the field expected by the end of October. During this time, the field will be closed to the public. The significant rehabilitation and improvements will provide a safe and efficient playing space for many years.

The Community Park has been extremely busy the past few weeks with baseball tournaments, youth "World Cup of Soccer" tournament, 26 baseball and 30 softball games a week, beach volleyball four nights a week with 400 players, new pickleball league, lacrosse leagues, tennis, hikers, cyclists and more. Use of City facilities continues to increase and it is encouraging to see this participation in the local sporting scene.

Parksville Canada Day Celebrations – Monday, July 1

- 10 am Parade, Island Highway
- Noon Canada Day Opening Ceremony, Community Park
- 2 pm Canada Day Festivities and Entertainment
- 10 pm Fireworks Extravaganza

Sunray Stairs Project

Located at the north end of Sunray Road, this project will provide safe beach access for Parksville residents by replacing the existing difficult trail to the beach with an aluminum staircase. The first phase to begin in late June involves pile foundation installation and once the piles are in place, pile locations will be surveyed to produce the drawings to fabricate the staircase sections. There will then be a delay while the staircase sections are fabricated offsite with completion by early September. Cost of the project is \$150,800.

2013 Tax Notices

Tax notices for the current year were mailed on May 27. If you have not received your notice, contact the City's property tax department at 250 954-4653. New owners are responsible for the 2013 property taxes and need to contact the City prior to the tax due date. The Provincial Home Owner Grant may be claimed online or by completing the application and bringing it to City Hall before July 2. Home owner grant applications must be completed each year that you are eligible. City Hall office hours are Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.



Around the City

Parksville Lions Outdoor Gym

The public is invited to attend the official opening of the new Parksville Lions Outdoor Gym and Mobility Challenged Access Project on Saturday, June 15 at 10 am. The new gym is located in the Parksville Community Park at the Parksville Lions Ventureland Playground.

Downtown Free Bus

Provided by the Parksville Downtown Business Association, the bus will run again from July 2 to August 31, 9 am to 6 pm except Tuesdays when it operates from noon to 9 pm to support the Summer by the Sea Street Market. The bus brings riders from the resort areas and outlying neighbourhoods to explore and enjoy downtown shops and services. Info at parksvilledowntown.ca and in brochures throughout Parksville.

Reminder of Level 2 Water Conservation

Water Conservation Level 2 is in effect for Parksville residents. Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses on even numbered days. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm for no more than two hours per period with a maximum of four hours of total allocated watering per day. Quicklinks/Water Conservation

Coffee with Council on Summer Break

The last Coffee with Council before summer is June 13. These sessions continue to be a successful way for residents to chat informally with Council. At any time, Mayor Burger may be contacted directly at 250 954-4661 or cburger@parksville.ca and an appointment with the Mayor may be scheduled by calling 250 954-3060.

City Dates

June 13	Advisory Design Panel
June 13	Coffee with Council
June 15	Official Opening Lions Outdoor Gym
June 17	Council and Committee of the Whole
June 20	Advisory Planning Commission
July 1	Canada Day
July 3	Council and Committee of the Whole
July 11	Advisory Design Panel
July 15	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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