



Official opening of new Sunray Road stairs to beach

OUR 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Some of the City's many projects and accomplishments are listed here. We think it's been a great year.

Starting with infrastructure related improvements:

- Highway 19A between Moilliet Street and Rushton Lane updated with traffic lights at Bay, hydro and telephone undergrounding, sidewalks, bike lanes, streetlights and upgraded signals at Moilliet.
- With federal assistance, the Community Park sports field received significant rehabilitation.
- Thanks to the Parksville Lions, residents now enjoy the outdoor fitness gym in the Community Park.
- Installation of electric vehicle charging stations at PCTC and in the Community Park.
- An aluminum staircase replaced a difficult trail to the beach at the north end of Sunray Road.
- Interim safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists with filling of the ditch and widening of the shoulder on the north side of Despard between Craig and Alberni.
- As a joint project between the community and the City, a labyrinth was installed at the north end of the waterfront walkway in the Community Park.
- We received public input at two information sessions held to review the proposed upgrade of the Temple Street corridor, scheduled for construction in 2014.
- Ballenas Civics Action Group and neighbourhood volunteers were instrumental in the refurbishment of Nicholls Park on Pym Street. Trees will be planted in 2014.

And a few other items of note:

- Parksville Fire Department updated their strategic plan and the food and toy drive set new records. A new fire engine was ordered, to be delivered in May.
- Englishman River Water Service engaged CH2M HILL to provide engineering services for the design of a new water intake, treatment plant and supply mains.

- Bylaw adjudication process introduced in January.
- Adoption of the updated Official Community Plan.
- Council approved a non-traditional method to strategic planning with the adoption of a process-oriented approach using the "three pillars of sustainability".
- Inter-community business licence came into effect January 1 with twelve participating municipalities from central Vancouver Island.
- Global BC broadcast the 6 pm news from the Community Park in September with amazing turnout by residents and positive feedback for Parksville.
- Excellent turnout at the town hall Council meeting in October held at the McMillan Arts Centre provided a less formal opportunity for residents to discuss topics.
- Parksville eNews was introduced in September; municipal news delivered directly to email inboxes.

And, our region is now home to the Oceanside Health Centre, operated by Island Health and located at 489 Alberni Highway. With phased-in services, the facility became fully operational on September 30 with the opening of primary care as well as urgent care services.



City Services

Water Main Flushing

The City's annual water main flushing program will run from February 17 to March 28, 7 am to 3.30 pm, week days. Residents should expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure. During flushing, residents are encouraged to keep a fresh supply of drinking water and to check for discolouration of water before doing laundry. If water is discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until the water runs clear.

Spring Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the City's Grant-in-Aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events that benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible applicants. Deadline is 4 pm, February 28. Information on this program, the policy, application and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

Reminders

Business Owners - 2014 business licence renewal notices were mailed to existing businesses in early January and are due by January 31. Payment may be mailed or paid in person at City Hall. Bylaw 1483 requires that all businesses must obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. Information about the new inter-community business licence is available on the City's website under *the Business tab*.

Dog Owners - All dogs in the City must be licenced and wearing a tag. If you have not received a notice and you currently own a dog older than six months, you are required to obtain a licence and dog tag. For more information 250 248-6144.

Annual dog licences, valid for the calendar year, are due by January 31. Dog tags may be purchased in person at City Hall. Licence fees are as follows:

- By January 31 - spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30.
- After January 31 - spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35.

New Master Plans Underway

Work has started on new sewer and drainage master plans. Master plans assess the impact of future growth on sewer and drainage networks and provide working models of existing networks to assist staff and engineering consultants in tasks related to land development, capital works projects and maintenance. The consultant chosen is Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd and expertise on climate change impacts will be provided by Kerr Wood Leidal Consulting Engineers.

The plans will also assess the impact of climate change on infrastructure and assess the impact of storm water on environmentally sensitive areas such as coastal areas and the Englishman River and estuary. Consideration will be given to the best available scientific information with respect to climate change and the potential implications for municipal infrastructure, and to manage storm water and look at methods of improving the quality of storm water prior to discharge.

The budget for both master plans is \$299,224 with completion in March 2015. The sewer master plan was last updated in 1996 and the drainage master plan in 1998. With the recently updated Official Community Plan, it is timely for the City to have new master plans.

City Dates

January 23	Coffee with Council
January 30	Coffee with Council
February 3	Council Meeting
February 6	Coffee with Council
February 10	Family Day – offices closed
February 13	Coffee with Council
February 13	Advisory Design Panel
February 17	Council Meeting
February 20	Coffee with Council
February 20	Advisory Planning Commission

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and is welcome to observe advisory committee meetings. Please refer to the website for agendas, dates and times as well as Council meeting highlights and minutes.

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