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Ride with Council – May 26

Council invites residents, families and friends to join them in a ride on Monday, May 26 to celebrate Bike to Work Week in Parksville. The 5 km ride, expected to take about 45 minutes, will start at City Hall at 4 pm and travel to Corfield, along Despard Avenue to Chestnut Street, to Hirst and returning for refreshments. Map and info on the City's website.

Public Works Open House – May 29

To celebrate Public Works Week, the City will host an open house on May 29 in the Community Park (near the picnic shelter) from 10 am to 2 pm. Activities are free; demonstrations, displays, refreshments and a chance to learn about the world of public works and the effect it has on improving the quality of life in our community. We hope to see you there!

Health and Fitness Day – June 7

Mayor Burger has declared June 7 as Health and Fitness Day in Parksville. Along with Parliamentary Secretary for Healthy Living, MLA Michelle Stilwell, the City encourages residents to participate in physical activities and celebrate the importance of health and fitness. An event will be planned for June 7, so do stay tuned.

New Pop-up Library

Parksville has a new pop-up library located near the outdoor gym in the Community Park thanks to a partnership between the woodworking department and art students at Ballenas Secondary School, the Vancouver Island Regional Library and the City. Help yourself to a good read and leave one for someone else to enjoy. It is hoped community organizations and businesses will consider sponsoring other libraries throughout the City. Contact Councillor Powell-Davidson for more information.

Council Initiative to Review Parksville Downtown BIA Bylaw

Information packages have been mailed to Parksville Downtown Business Improvement Area (PDBIA) members regarding the Parksville Council initiative to undertake a petition process to renew the 2015-2019 annual charge levied on commercial properties within the PDBIA. Unfortunately, there is ambiguity in the wording of the petition mailed last week which could be misleading. New petitions have been issued and we sincerely regret the confusion and inconvenience this has caused.

For members of the Parksville Downtown Business Improvement Area, if you do **not** wish the PDBIA to continue operation, a majority of property owners representing at least 50% of the assessed value of the property must sign and return the petition to the City no later than **4 pm, Monday, June 16**. If you have questions regarding the process, contact the City's administration department at 250 954-3068. Questions about PDBA plans and activities should be directed to Pamela Bottomley at 250 248-8079 or www.parksvilledowntown.ca.

City Notices

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 four hours maximum 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](#)]

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.

2014 Property Taxes

Council has set the residential tax increase and the business property tax increase at 2% for 2014 and also approved the 2014-2018 final 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, 2014.

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Under the provisions of the Community Charter, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to meeting certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Deadline for consideration for the 2015 taxation year is 4 pm, June 30. Details, application form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [[Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions](#)].

City Dates

May 15	Coffee with Council
May 16	ERWS Board Meeting
May 19	Statutory Holiday, offices closed
May 20	Council Advisory Committee
May 21	Council Meeting
May 22	Coffee with Council
May 26	Bike Ride with Council
May 29	Public Works Open House
May 29	Coffee with Council
June 5	Coffee with Council
June 5	ERWS Board Meeting
June 7	Health and Fitness Day
June 12	Advisory Design Panel
June 16	Council Meeting

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 City's website for agendas, dates and times as well as Council meeting highlights and minutes.

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Saturday, November 15 – Mark Your Calendars!

General voting day is set for **Saturday, November 15** from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre and the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advanced polls are Wednesday, November 5 and November 12 from 8 am to 8 pm.

This year's voting day format will change. The voters' list will not be used; we will conduct a "voting book election" which requires voters to bring two pieces of identification to the voting place and register on the spot.

The two pieces must contain your name and address and at least one with a signature. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification (with at least one with a signature) are still required and you will be required to make a "solemn declaration" as to your residency.

Documents which may be accepted:

- BC driver's licence
- BC identification card issued by Motor Vehicles Branch
- Owner's certificate of insurance and vehicle licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Birth certificate
- SIN card (Human Resources Development Canada)
- Canadian passport
- Citizenship card (Citizenship and Immigration Canada)
- Real property tax notice issued by City of Parksville
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill for electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services.