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Busier Than Usual Summer

Summers are busy in Parksville and this year is no exception. It's great to welcome tourists who come to experience our natural environment, shopping, restaurants and special events. 2014 event bookings have surpassed 2013 and along with our many annual signature events, requests continue for weddings, family reunions and corporate picnics. Fall bookings continue and 2014 will be the busiest year on record for Foster Park. As well, the refurbished Nicholls Park is also attracting bookings. Events keep our crews (and students) busy preparing and maintaining the parks, distributing barricades, signs and addressing specific requirements. Parksville is a great place, especially in the summer and we hope you get the chance to experience some of our many fabulous events and festivals, all listed at visitparkvillequalicumbeach.com.

RFP for Real Estate Services

The City is requesting proposals for real estate services to successfully obtain an appropriate lessee for vacant office and meeting space in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Instructions to proposers and terms of reference are provided on the City's website.

Facts About Your Water Supply

Please see the feature in today's paper which outlines the history and background, project costs, community benefits and future plans for the Englishman River Water Service project, a joint venture between the City and the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Vacancies on Board of Variance

The City is seeking applications to fill two vacancies. The board hears land issue appeals based on the demonstration of "undue hardship" and is not an appeal board for local government policy or decisions of elected officials. Deadline is August 15 and information is on the website.

Water Conservation Level 3

In late July, the City implemented Level 3 water conservation which allows a total of two hours watering per watering day. Odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered on even numbered days. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm and for no more than one hour per period. The City will monitor water supply and advise residents should additional restrictions become necessary.

Watering of vegetable gardens, trees and flowers is restricted to a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle if watered outside of permitted times. Level 3 restrictions include no washing of driveways or sidewalks, a hose equipped with a shutoff device must be used for vehicle and boat washing and filling of residential swimming pools is not allowed. [\[Quicklinks/Water Conservation\]](#)

Campfire Ban Reminder

With the hot, dry weather expected to continue, the Coastal Fire Centre and the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department reinstated the open fire ban which applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, tiki torches and burning barrels. The ban does not apply to cooking stoves using gas, propane or briquettes or to portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimeters. To report an open fire call 250 248-3242. To report a fire emergency call 911.

Fall Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the grant-in-aid policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events benefiting our citizens and visitors. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply by 4 pm, August 29. Information may be obtained at City Hall or from the website.



**Parksville Museum
Farmers Market**
Friday evenings until September 26

Things To Know

- Coffee with Council starts up again on Thursday, September 4. Drop in 2-4 pm for a chat.
- Check out the Parksville Downtown Business Association's new Discover Us Map; a walking map of Parksville Downtown. Available at parksvilledowntown.ca and at locations around the City.
- The RDN is offering rainwater harvesting incentives. Info at rdn.bc.ca.

City Dates

August 18	Council Meeting
August 19	Council Advisory Committee
August 21	Advisory Planning Commission
September 1	Labour Day – City offices closed
September 3	Council Meeting
September 4	Coffee with Council
September 11	Advisory Design Panel
September 11	Coffee with Council
September 12	Candidate Info Session
September 15	Council Meeting
September 16	Council Advisory Committee

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.

How to Reach Council

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ELECTION 2014



Parksville Votes 2014

How residents vote in the November civic election is changing. The City will use "Voting Day Only Registration" and will no longer use a voters' list. All voters will register on the day of voting, at either advance voting or on general voting day. When arriving to vote, you will be required to provide two pieces of identification with your name and address [at least one with a signature]. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification [at least one with a signature] are still required and you must then make a solemn declaration as to your residency.

Nomination packages will be available from the City's administration offices during regular office hours (8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays) from August 22 to October 10.

Candidate information session will be held on September 12 from 10:30 am to noon in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Although geared to potential candidates and campaign workers, anyone interested is welcome.



Non-resident property owner information

Property must be in the name(s) of individuals and not in the name of a company. If you own property in the City, but live somewhere else in BC, you may be eligible to vote if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen; AND
- Are, or will be, 18 years of age or more on general voting day (November 15); AND
- Have lived in BC for at least 6 months (since May 13) prior to registration; AND
- You must not be eligible to register as a resident elector in the City of Parksville; AND
- Are not disqualified from voting by the Local Government Act or any other act.

Non-resident property electors must bring to the voting place, in addition to two pieces of acceptable identification, proof of ownership in the form of a tax notice, assessment notice or other legal documentation proving property ownership, such as a bill of sale issued prior to October 15. Non-resident property electors can only vote once, regardless of the number of properties they own in Parksville.