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New Council Gets to Work

Parksville's new Council for the term December 1, 2014, to November 5, 2018, was sworn in at the inaugural meeting last week. Over the next few months, Parksville's Council will be involved in comprehensive orientation, budget and governance sessions. Regular Council meetings will be held December 15 and January 19.

Contact information for new Council members as well as appointments to committees, boards, commissions and associations from December 1, 2014, to December 7, 2015, was approved and posted to the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council]. Mayor Lefebvre's inaugural remarks are also on the web.



Councillors Al Greir, Mary Beil, Leanne Salter, Sue Powell, Teresa Patterson, Kirk Oates with Mayor Marc Lefebvre

A schedule of regular Council meetings for 2015 is on the notice board at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre and on the website calendar. The popular Coffee with Council starts again on January 8 from 2-4 pm at City Hall.

Christmas GREETINGS

Enjoy the Holiday Season!
Council and staff of the City of Parksville wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2015.

City Services

We're Ready for Snow... Are You?

City staff monitor road and weather conditions 24/7 during winter months. When snow and icy conditions are forecast, crews and equipment are prepped and when it snows, crews are dispatched to keep roads safe.

The City's first priority during and after a snowfall is to clear major arterial streets (such as Island Highway, Alberni Highway) as well as access to emergency services (RCMP, fire hall, ambulance station). Clearing collector streets (such as Temple, Pym, Hirst) is the second priority. Once conditions have stabilized on priority routes, crews will begin to clear residential streets. Should snowfall continue, crews may take longer to reach residential streets. If there is an emergency on your street, call 911 and emergency services will advise the City to send a plow immediately.

Clearing of sidewalks is the responsibility of property owners. The owner / occupier is responsible under Traffic Bylaw 1436 to remove all snow or ice from all sidewalks bordering their property within 12 hours of the end of the snowfall. During periods of heavy snowfall and during regular hours of operation, City crews will support public clearing of sidewalks on streets with high pedestrian traffic, such as arterials and roads in the downtown core.

To learn more about snow removal, what you can do to help and how best to prepare, refer to the City's website [Quicklink Winter Conditions].

Notice to Businesses

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2015 calendar year. Fees are due by January 30 and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1483 requires that all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. More information may be found on the website [Business/Licences].

New Planning Info Brochures

Planning department information brochures are now available at the planning department counter at City Hall and on the City's website in PDF. Topics such as affordable housing, mobile food vending, secondary suites, setback requirements, development cost charges and managing urban wildlife conflicts are just a few of the topics covered in these new brochures. [City Hall/Community Planning/Information Brochures].



Island Highway East snow closures – should there be significant snowfall, one lane of Island Highway East (Highway 19A) between Corfield and McCarter Streets will be closed to allow safe use of the slope from Island Highway into the Community Park sports field for tobogganing. Traffic control measures will facilitate the temporary lane closure.

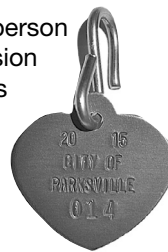
Notice to Dog Owners in Parksville

Dog licence fees are due by January 30, 2015. Current dog licences will receive a reminder notice; if you do not receive a notice and/or currently own a dog, licences may be purchased from City Hall.

- By January 30, Spayed/neutered \$20; not spayed/neutered \$30
- After January 30, Spayed/neutered \$25; not spayed/neutered \$35

The main benefit of licencing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, the fees collected partially offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide doggie bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.

And, it's the law! Bylaw 1284 states, "no person shall keep, harbour or have in his possession any dog over the age of six months unless a valid and subsisting licence has been issued in respect of that dog." The bylaw also states no more than two dogs may be kept on parcels of land less than two acres.



Successful PVFD Food and Toy Drive

The annual food and toy drive held in November was once again, a huge success thanks to the generosity of our residents and the hard work of many members and volunteers. A total of 23,300 pounds of food was collected along with cash donations of \$5,000.

Holiday Hours

City Hall and public works will close at 1 pm on December 24 and remain closed all day December 25, December 26 and January 1. For after-hours public works emergency, call 250 248-6144 (4 pm to 8 am, Monday to Friday, weekends and holidays).



City Dates

December 15	Council Meeting
December 24	Offices closed at 1 pm
December 25 & 26	Offices closed Christmas holidays
January 1	Offices closed New Year's Day
January 5	Council Meeting Cancelled
January 8	Coffee with Council
January 19	Council Meeting

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

How to Reach Council

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