

Explore Parksville with Interactive Map

Residents can now explore Parksville using our updated web-based interactive mapping application. We are pleased to provide the public with this newer geographic information system (GIS) tool. The ParksvilleMAP provides a variety of options and information for you to search, view or print maps. Data available includes:

- Property information with property lines, address, legal descriptions, zoning regulations
- Road information
- Location of underground utilities (drainage, sanitary, water)
- Zoning and Official Community Plan
- Contour lines (1 metre) and aerial photos

ParksvilleMAP uses the latest technology for enhanced usability and minimum system requirements – Microsoft Windows or iOS. ParksvilleMAP may be accessed from all browsers from a desktop or mobile device. This system replaces outdated, ten-year old technology which required add-ons difficult for users. The cost of this new system which included an initial audit, software and implementation was about \$50,000. Engineering uses GIS in many ways; to develop city-wide maps, infrastructure analysis and modeling and as a mobile application so crews can access and collect relevant data from the field.

A step-by-step guide will help users navigate ParksvilleMAP available on the City's website [Quicklinks/Map]. Please direct questions to gis@parksville.ca

Water Conservation – Level 3

Water Conservation Level 3 is now in effect for Parksville residents. Level 3 allows for odd numbered civic addresses to water on odd numbered days and even numbered civic addresses on even numbered days. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm for no more than one hour in duration per period with a maximum of two hours total allocated watering per day. Please see the website for details [Quicklinks/Water Conservation].

Reduced water use at this time will help ensure a stable



water supply this summer. Drought conditions, predictions of a warmer and drier summer and a record low snow pack in local mountains have resulted in the need to increase water use restrictions. We are experiencing higher than normal water demands and are having difficulties extracting water from our exiting surface water intake on the Englishman River. Rainfall in May 2015 was 5.6 millimetres compared to 39.0 millimetres for the same period in 2014.

Watering outside of the regulated period puts your water system and your neighbours, at risk. The largest demand on all water systems is lawn irrigation. Allowing your lawn to go brown would significantly reduce risks to your water supply and help ensure we can provide adequate supply to all residents.

Property Taxes Due July 2

Tax notices for the current year were mailed in May. Contact the City's property tax department (250 954-4653) if you did not receive your notice. Prior to July 2, residents must claim the Northern and Rural Home Owner Grant by bringing the completed application to City Hall or by claiming the grant online [Online Services]. Home owner grant applications must be completed each year that you are eligible. If the July 2 deadline is not met, your property tax account will have an outstanding balance and receive an immediate 5% penalty.

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 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 included on a notice or bill.

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 certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Deadline for application is noon, June 30. Details, application form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [Public Notices].

Craig Street Upgrades

The Craig Street work scheduled to start tomorrow includes planned pedestrian upgrades and road resurfacing from Island Highway 19A to Hirst Avenue. This work will include the replacement of all existing exposed aggregate concrete wheelchair and driveway ramps to City standards, installation of a new crosswalk and wheelchair ramp at Middleton and Craig (adjacent to the Coastal Community Credit Union driveway) and the complete resurfacing and remarking of the roadway.

Pedestrian upgrades will significantly improve the delineation between the level sidewalk and wheelchair and driveway ramps for the vision impaired as well as improved access safety for mobility challenged. These upgrades are in line with the pedestrian safety recommendations provided by the Municipal Insurance Association of BC specifically for the City of Parksville. Work should be substantially complete within two weeks (weather permitting) and the City has taken into consideration the Craig Street market requirements. Work crews will do their best to maintain safe access to all properties; however, some minor delays should be expected.

Foster Park Playground Closed for Upgrades

The Foster Park playground will be closed to the public from June 8 until early July (weather dependent) to facilitate resurfacing and the installation of new equipment. While the playground is closed, Foster Park, the gazebo and park trails are still available to residents. A new softer surface, similar to the surface in the Ventureland Playground in the Community Park, will replace pea gravel and a wooden border. The playground will be slightly larger with a different configuration and three older style playground pieces will also be replaced.

Things To Know



Parksville Canada Day Celebrations – Wednesday, July 1

Celebrations in Parksville start early and end at dusk with grand finale fireworks. During this time, Island Highway East will be closed to traffic from Corfield Avenue to Craig Street. The day promises family focused entertainment and activities as well as food and craft vendors.

- 7.30 am Shriners Pancake Breakfast (CCCU parking lot)
- 10 am Parade, Island Highway East (Shelly Road to Craig Street)
- Noon Canada Day opening ceremony, Community Park
- 12.30 pm Festivities and entertainment
- 10 pm Fireworks extravaganza

Summer by the Sea Street Market

The first market on Craig Street is June 16, a true indication summer has arrived. The market runs through August 26 on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 pm.

Coffee with Council

These sessions continue to be a successful way for residents to chat informally with Mayor and Council. For the next four months, sessions will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2-4 pm. Please check the website for changes or cancellations.

City Dates

June 15	Council Meeting
June 18	Coffee with Council
June 18	Advisory Planning Commission
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 2	Taxes, Home Owner Grant Due
July 2	Coffee with Council
July 6	Council Meeting
July 9	Advisory Design Panel
July 16	Advisory Planning Commission
July 16	Coffee with Council
July 20	Council Meeting

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and may observe advisory committee meetings. Refer to the website for agendas and meeting highlights and minutes.

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