



City of Parksville

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August 11, 2015

2015 Western Canadian National Beach Volleyball Championships – August 14-16

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Englishman River Water Service Update

On July 30, the Englishman River Water Service management board approved moving forward with detailed design of all components of Phase 1, with a minimum of 16 million litres of firm membrane filtration capacity using existing reserve funds and the \$6 million in senior government funding in anticipation of a positive borrowing referendum.

At the August 5 meeting, Parksville Council received the recommendation and passed a motion to proceed. At the special Council meeting on August 10, Council will receive and consider an amendment to the 2015 financial plan and if approved, an amended budget bylaw would be read three times. At the next scheduled Council meeting on August 17, Council will consider adoption of the amended budget bylaw, consider the wording of the assent voting question (referendum question) and consider giving three readings to the loan authorization bylaw.

Should this occur staff will compile all documentation required to submit the loan authorization bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities (Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development) for approval, a process which could take up to six weeks. At this time, the referendum is scheduled for November 21.

Work will soon begin on full detailed design for the new water intake, transmission mains and the water treatment plant for 16 million litres per day of full membrane filtration and disinfection. The community working group which met numerous times in 2014, will reconvene to consider design of the water treatment plant.



Things To Know

- **Fall Grant-in-Aid Applications** - Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply. An application and information on the program, policy and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications]. Deadline is 4 pm, August 29.
- **Banks and Forsyth Upgrades** - The City's engineering department has completed the tender evaluations for the Banks Avenue and Forsyth Avenue (between Finholm Street and Acacia Street) capital project and determined the tenders received are not within the approved project budget. At this time, the City is not in a position to award a contract for construction. The project will be re-evaluated and we expect to reissue the tender in the near future. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause.
- **Parksville Beach Festival** and the Quality Foods Canadian Open Sand Sculpting Exhibition runs until August 16. Other major events include QF Festival of Lights Fireworks (August 15), Quality Foods Children's Sandcastle Competition and Parksville Kidfest (August 16), Friday and Saturday night concerts in the picnic shelter until August 15 as well as buskers in the Community Park gazebo most afternoons. More info at parksvillebeachfest.ca



It's Still Extremely Dry Out There ...

The PVFD wishes to remind residents and visitors, the campfire ban remains in place until further notice. All open burning, including campfires, is banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. This ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burning barrels and binary exploding targets. All other types of open fires remain prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdictional area including backyard burning or land-clearing burn piles. 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 that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus which do not meet these conditions are prohibited.

Our region continues to experience drier than normal conditions causing the wildland interface areas to become extremely volatile should a fire start in the area. Recent fires in Dashwood and Coombs areas were examples of how quickly fire could spread and the importance of getting crews on scene as early as possible.

Information is posted regularly to the City's website and for additional resources, refer to the Parksville Fire Department website (pvfd.ca) and to the BC Wildfire website (bcwildfire.ca) for info on campfire bans and fire danger ratings.

To report an open fire call 250 248-3242; to report a fire emergency call 911; to report a wildfire in non-incorporated areas call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cellphone.



Comprehensive Watering Ban Continues

In early July, the City and the Regional District of Nanaimo moved to a Level 4 Water Conservation or a comprehensive watering ban which includes:

- All outdoor sprinkling is prohibited including newly seeded and sodded lawns.
- Vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers, restricted to a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle, may be watered using a drip-irrigation system between 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm. (This does not include soaker, weeper hoses or micro-sprayers – drip irrigation only.)
- No washing of vehicles, RVs and boats.
- No washing of driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and exterior building surfaces.
- No filling of swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs and garden pond water features.

Since moving to Level 4 in July, overall use in the City has dropped significantly. For this time of the year, demand is down about 40%, an indication of how much water is used for watering lawns and how well residents are conserving. These water restrictions are intended to ensure the community receives an adequate supply of water through the next few months and also ensure sufficient reserves are available for emergency firefighting purposes. Additional water demands resulting from outdoor water use are the primary stressor on supply, which is why outdoor use is the target of this ban.

Continued conservation now allows the City to bridge needs until the fall/winter rains. This is the first time the City has had to activate Level 4 and staff continues to adjust to this new operational mode, something not experienced - the converse of an extreme snow and ice control situation. All irrigation which can be shut off without causing permanent damage to assets has been shut down.

The City's website [Quicklinks/Water Conservation] includes resource links, FAQ's, water conservation tips and City updates as well as information about the Team WaterSmart water saver contest. Residents with questions or concerns should call the operations department at 250 248-5412.

City Dates

August 17	Council Meeting
August 20	Advisory Planning Commission
August 20	Coffee with Council
September 3	Coffee with Council
September 7	Labour Day Statutory Holiday
September 9	Council Meeting
September 10	Advisory Design Panel
September 17	Advisory Planning Commission
September 17	Coffee with Council

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.

How To Reach Council

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The Fall Winter Active Living Guide is here and registration is open.



Register at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
737 Jones St, Qualicum
250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena
830 W Island Hwy, Parksville
250-248-3252



Pick up a guide at City Hall.