



City of Parksville

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## Managing Your Water

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### Englishman River Water Service Project

The City of Parksville and the Regional District of Nanaimo (Nanose Bay

Peninsula) are moving forward with an expansion to the drinking water supply which will ensure a safe and secure water system for the community. The project includes:

- In-river water supply intake designed/located to consider the needs of river users and to protect aquatic habitat.
- Water treatment plant with a minimum of 16 million litres per day of membrane filtration capacity to comply with new water regulatory treatment standards.
- Transmission supply mains to homes and businesses.

Construction of the river intake is the next phase of improvement for our community's water supply following construction of the Arrowsmith Dam in 1999. Design of the intake is underway with construction scheduled for June 2016 followed by design and installation of the water treatment facility, expected to be in operation during summer 2018.

### Assent Voting Opportunity

On November 21, the citizens of Parksville will participate in an assent voting opportunity, previously referred to as a referendum. The City is asking residents to approve a bylaw to authorize borrowing of up to \$5.6 million to construct a new water intake, water treatment plant and transmission lines.

The assent voting question will read as follows:

*Do you agree to the adoption of City of Parksville Loan Authorization Bylaw, 2015, No. 1519 which will authorize the City of Parksville to borrow \$5.6 million to construct a water intake and treatment facility in accordance with Island Health requirements.*

Information about assent voting and the Englishman River Water Service project was mailed to residents with utility notices at the end of September and is also available from City Hall and on the website. Project information may be found at [englishmanriverwaterservice.ca](http://englishmanriverwaterservice.ca) and assent voting information at [Parksville.ca](http://Parksville.ca). Please call 250 954-3073 if you need help to obtain the information.

### Voting Day

Voting date is **Saturday, November 21** from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East or the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church, 550 Pym Street.

You may vote at either the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church or at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre, however, whether you vote at an advance voting opportunity, or at one of the general voting day locations, you will be required to sign a written declaration that you have not voted previously at any other time or location during the election.

### Advance Voting

Advance voting takes place on **Thursday, November 12** and **Wednesday, November 18** from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

### Scrutineers for Assent Voting

Applications to volunteer as a scrutineer will be received by the City's chief election officer from **8 am, October 13 to 4 pm, October 23**. Only persons entitled to vote as electors on the assent voting question may act as scrutineers. One scrutineer for and one scrutineer against the question will be appointed for each voting place only if sufficient applications are received.

### When You Vote

The City will again use voting day only registration. All voters will register on the day of voting, at either advance voting or on general voting day. You will be required to provide two pieces of identification [one with your name and address and the other with your name and 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.

### Two Pieces of Identification

Residents must bring two pieces of identification; documents which may be accepted are:

- BC driver's licence
- BC identification card issued by Motor Vehicle Branch
- Owner's certificate of insurance and vehicle licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Birth certificate
- SIN card issued by Human Resources Development Canada
- Canadian passport
- Citizenship card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Real property tax notice issued by City of Parksville
- Credit or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill for electricity, gas, water, phone or cable
- Other documents MAY be accepted at the discretion of the presiding election official.

### ERWS Open House – November 5

Residents are encouraged to drop by the open house on **Thursday, November 5** to view the plans for the new intake, water treatment facility and transmission mains. This open house will also provide information on the cost of the project and funding sources. Please mark your calendars!

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### 2016 BUDGET DELIBERATION MEETING

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council is interested in receiving comments from the public. Council extends an invitation to residents to attend an open budget deliberation meeting on Wednesday, October 28 at 6 pm to discuss the draft 2016 - 2020 municipal budget and financial plan. The meeting will be held in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East.

Here's how you can contribute to the budget discussion:

- Comment in person on October 28
- Send comments and questions by email to [info@parksville.ca](mailto:info@parksville.ca) or through Facebook and Twitter.

Comments should be received by October 23 to be considered by Council on October 28. Following the October 28 meeting, comments submitted will be provided to Council prior to a second budget deliberation meeting. Please note comments form part of the public record.

## Things to Know

- **Utility notices** - covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling were mailed the end of September. If you do not receive your notice by October 14, phone 250 954-4653. The due date is October 31.
- **ShakeOut on October 15 at 10.15 am** - reminder to register for the 2015 Great BC Shakeout drill. 740,000 BC residents participated in 2014 and it's a great way for you and your family or for businesses to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from major earthquakes. Info and resources at [shakeoutbc.ca](http://shakeoutbc.ca).
- **Wood chipping program** - the City's wood chipping program is held annually in the spring only. Garden refuse may be taken to the Church Road Transfer Station.
- **PVFD annual food and toy drive** - is set for Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. Members will collect food and toys for the Salvation Army, door-to-door throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area. If you are not home, please leave the bag by the door for pick up. Cash donations are welcome.
- **Craig Street upgrades** - planned pedestrian upgrades and road resurfacing along Craig Street between Hirst Avenue and Middleton Avenue intersection are scheduled to start on October 13 (weather dependent). More info on website.

## City Dates

October 15	ShakeOut BC
October 15	Coffee with Council
October 19	Council Meeting
October 22	Coffee with Council
October 28	Budget Deliberation
October 29	Coffee with Council
November 2	Council Meeting
November 5	ERWS Public Open House
November 5	Coffee with Council
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Advance Assent Voting
November 12	Advisory Design Panel
November 16	Council Meeting
November 18	Advance Assent Voting
November 19	Advisory Planning Commission
November 19	Coffee with Council
November 21	Assent Voting Day
November 21-22	PVFD Food and Toy Drive

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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