

A Vote About Water

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 Englishman River Water Service 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, scheduled for operation in summer 2018.

Earlier this year, the \$28.3 million project shared between the City and the RDN, received \$6 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments. Costs will be spread out over 25 years with less reliance on current user fees. To provide for anticipated annual operating and capital costs as well as future \$5.6 million debt retirement costs, annual water rate increases for water services for the City of Parksville will increase between 2.25% to 2.5% for the years 2016 through 2024 – about \$10 per year for an average household.

Information about this project as well as assent voting was mailed to residents with utility notices at the end of September and is also available from City Hall and from the City's website. Contact info@parksville.ca or 250 954-3073 if you have questions or would like help to obtain the information.



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 the 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.



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, 132 Jensen Avenue East.

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 services
- Other documents MAY be accepted at the discretion of the presiding election official.



For more information:
Englishmanriverwaterservice.ca
 Parksville.ca

Special Events Applications

Applications from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues as well as City streets in 2016 will be accepted starting January 1 and reviewed starting January 29. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 29. After January 29, applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first come, first-served basis, depending on venue availability. After January 29, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. The special events policy and application forms are available on the website [City Hall/Special Events Procedures], from the operations department and at City Hall. Phone 250 248-5412 for more information.

PVFD Annual Food and Toy Drive

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will once again collect food and toys, door-to-door throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area. This year's drive is set for Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. Please watch for grocery bags provided by Quality Foods in the local newspapers. If you are not home, please leave the bag by the door for pick up. Volunteers may not get to every household and if we miss you, please bring non-perishable food items and/or new, unwrapped toys to the fire hall. Cash donations are also welcome. The fire department and the Salvation Army appreciate the generous support of residents.

City Dates

November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Advance Assent Voting
November 12	Budget Deliberation Meeting
November 16	Council Meeting
November 18	Advance Assent Voting
November 19	Coffee with Council
November 21	Assent Voting Day
November 21-22	PVFD Food and Toy Drive
November 23	Budget Deliberation Meeting
November 26	Coffee with Council
December 3	Coffee with Council
December 7	Council Meeting
December 10	Advisory Design Panel
December 10	Coffee with Council
December 14	Budget Deliberation Meeting
December 17	Advisory Planning Commission

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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It's Your City is published in the PQB News on the second Tuesday of the month with a copy on the City's website. We are committed to improving communications with our residents and you can help by providing your comments and suggestions to 250 954-3073 or communications@parksville.ca.

2016 Budget Deliberations – Have Your Say

Parksville Council invites residents to attend 2016 budget deliberation meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to continue discussion on the 2016 - 2020 municipal budget and financial plan. Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council would like to receive comments from residents. Meetings will be held at 6 pm in the Forum at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East on **November 12, November 23** and **December 14**.

Comments received from residents will be provided to Council and will form part of the public record. Here's how residents may contribute to the discussion:

- Comment in person at the meetings. Council will provide an opportunity for questions, comments and suggestions from residents.
- Email comments and questions to info@parksville.ca or on Facebook <http://facebook.com/cityparksville> or tweet us [@cityparksville](http://twitter.com/cityparksville).
- Watch the meeting live online through the City's webstreaming. Video from the meeting will be archived and may be viewed at another time.

Information presented at the first budget deliberation meeting on October 28 may be viewed on the City's website. [Quicklinks Reports/Financial Plans/2016]

