



Emergency Preparedness Events

Are you prepared for an emergency? Do you know the risks? Do you have a plan? The City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and the Regional District of Nanaimo as partners in Emergency Management Oceanside are hosting events this month to bring awareness to the importance of being prepared in an emergency.

- **Emergency Preparedness Expo 2016**
Saturday, May 14 from 8 am to 3 pm
at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

This event will feature displays, workshops, hands-on demonstrations, opportunities to learn about the challenges we will face in an emergency and how to be better prepared. Local emergency services and agencies will be there to answer questions and help you learn how to be prepared. Onsite food services available from the Shrine Clubs.

- **Shake Zone**
Sunday, May 29 at Family Day
in Qualicum Beach

Sponsored by the Insurance Bureau of Canada and Emergency Management Oceanside, a Shake Zone 'ride' simulates the feeling of a major earthquake. This is your chance to experience the virtual reality of an 8.0 magnitude earthquake.

Broombusters Parksville - Saturday, May 14

Council and Broombusters will host the biggest broombusting event of the year in Parksville on Saturday, May 14 from 10 am to 12.30 pm. Please consider joining Mayor and Council for a few hours to help eradicate this noxious plant. Volunteers on May 14 should gather at the old Parksville Train Station on

Alberni Highway at 10 am to help clear broom at the entrance to Parksville, near the train station and on Alberni Highway. Wear good shoes, bring gloves and loppers will be provided. It's fun and we get to *Cut the Bloomin' Broom!* Info at broombusters.org.



City Services

Budget and Property Taxes

At the May 2 meeting, Council gave three readings to the 2016 budget included in the Five Year Final Financial Plan bylaw for 2016-2020 and three readings to the tax rate bylaw for 2016. Bylaws are up for adoption at a special Council meeting on May 10.

Based on the 2016-2020 Financial Plan, Council set a 4.5% tax increase for all properties in 2016. This will increase the municipal portion of the property taxes by about \$57.50 from 2015 for the average priced single family dwelling. The 2016-2020 final financial plan, now on the City's website [Quicklinks/Reports], sets the financial authority to enable departments to carry out projects.

Tax notices will be mailed later this month and to avoid penalty, payment must be received by the City and the homeowner grant claimed by Monday, July 4, 2016.

Water Restriction Stage 2

Stage 2 is now in effect in the City for the months of May through September unless otherwise advised. With Stage 2, sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses. Sprinkling is permitted for a maximum of two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours per day of watering. The City thanks residents for their efforts to conserve water this summer. [Quicklinks/Water Conservation]

Water Saver Contest

Here's your chance to nominate neighbours who go above and beyond to save water outdoors. The RDN Team WaterSmart initiative is intended to encourage water efficient practices such as drought-tolerant landscaping, water-reuse, golden lawn, drip irrigation, rainwater collection, etc. while encouraging people to meet their neighbours, learn from them and have fun with weekly contest prize draws. Check out your neighbourhood for yards which should be nominated for water smart practices. Everything you need to know to nominate someone, info about prizes and the contest at teamwatersmart.ca

Things to Know

Coffee with Council

Over the summer months, Coffee with Council will be held twice a month. These sessions continue to be a successful way for residents to chat informally with Mayor and Council. Starting in June, sessions will be held on the first and third Thursdays from 2-4 pm. Please check the website for changes or cancellations.



2016 Census is coming!

Census packages are being delivered to households across Canada. Information obtained through the census is needed to plan services such as childcare, schooling, family services, housing, public transportation and skills training for employment. In Canada, a census taken every five years provides a statistical portrait of the country and its people. It is mandatory for all residents in Canada to participate in the census; this includes Canadian citizens, landed immigrants, refugee claimants and people who hold a work or study permit. More info at census.gc.ca



Museum Farmers' Market - May 13



The Parksville Museum invites everyone to join local dignitaries and the Museum family to celebrate the grand opening of this year's farmers' market and the Parksville Museum's new Urban Farm School. The Friday Night Farmers' Market is shaping up to be the biggest and best ever and the Museum promises more vendors, live entertainment and fabulous eats. The markets run every Friday from May 13 until September 23 from 5-8 pm. The Museum officially opens for the summer on May 13; open daily from 10 am to 5 pm.

Parksvillemuseum.ca



Be Part of Canada 150 Mural Legacy for Parksville

We are looking for members of the community to participate in the Canada 150 Mosaic project. Tiles are now on sale on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$20 each. Detailed info is available from the homepage of our website and payment may be made in person at City Hall or by mail.

We are excited to be chosen to be part of this project to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. We invite you to join us on this creative journey and legacy for Parksville! All skill levels and ages are welcome to participate. Our mural will be made up of 400 individual tiles painted by members of the community. The 4 x 4 inch tiles will create a unified mural eight feet square which will be installed at 100 Jensen Avenue East. We are pleased the Parksville Beach Festival Society will co-host the community painting days set for August 5 and August 6 in the Community Park.

Please direct questions to Deb Tardiff, 250 954-3073.

Check out some of the murals already completed at

www.Canada150Mosaic.com

on Facebook @canada150mosaic and Instagram #canada150mosaic.

City Dates

May 10	AWS/ERWS Management Board
May 10	Special Council Meeting
May 12	Advisory Design Panel
May 12	Coffee with Council
May 14	Broombusters Saturday
May 14	EP Expo (Qualicum Beach)
May 16	Council Meeting
May 19	Coffee with Council
May 23	Victoria Day (offices closed)
May 26	Coffee with Council
May 29	Shake Zone (QB Family Day)
June 6	Council Meeting
June 16	Coffee with Council
June 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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