

## Meet Our Student Ambassadors

We are indeed fortunate to participate in the Canada Summer Jobs program offering summer employment positions to returning university students. For the City, summer student positions are typically with our parks department providing support for staff at an extremely busy time of the year.

The City and its residents benefit from the youth and enthusiasm of our summer students. Some are returning workers to the City and some are new this year. Summer students work from early May to Labour Day performing routine maintenance in the Community Park as well as fulfilling the role of ambassadors for the City, greeting residents and visitors to the park and being a presence in the park during the day; approachable and always willing to help. Routine maintenance includes such duties as keeping the washrooms clean, looking after litter and garbage, weeding of landscape beds and tree rings, minor pruning and plantings.



Meet our student ambassadors (from left to right), Burke, Eric, Derek, Sean and Becky seated in front.

- Derek Mintz is a returning student; in fact, it is his fifth summer with the City. He has completed four years at Vancouver Island University, Bachelor of Business Administration, specializing in accounting.
- This is Becky Weiss's third summer with the City. She is eagerly anticipating completion of a Post Baccalaureate Education program in December.
- Burke Barnum, Eric Golob and Sean Laycock are new students in 2016. Burke and Sean have completed the first year of the Bachelor of Business Administration program at VIU and Eric completed the first year of a Bachelor of Arts program at the University of Alberta.

### Now we'd like you to meet GG



In addition to our summer students, Gurleen Gang is working with the City as a civil engineering technology co-op student. GG completed an eight month co-op work term with the City in 2015 and we are thrilled he has returned for another four months. As an international student from Nairobi, Kenya, GG genuinely

appreciates the opportunity to study in Canada and the experience gained from working for local government.

Some of the key projects GG will be working on for the City include updating of City drawings and specification standards for storm, sanitary, landscape, street lighting and road drawings. As well, he has been tasked with completion of drawings for the sidewalk upgrades for Jensen Avenue East between Craig and McCarter. GG will be returning to complete his final semester in September and expects to graduate in December with a Civil Engineering Technology diploma from Okanagan College.

## Things to Know

### Parksville Canada Day Celebrations

On Friday, July 1, celebrations in Parksville start early and end at dusk with grand finale fireworks. During this time, the Community Park will be closed to all vehicles and 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. More info at [facebook.com/Canada-Day-in-Parksville](https://facebook.com/Canada-Day-in-Parksville).

- 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 this evening; a true indication summer has arrived. The market runs through August 30 on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 pm.

### Parksville Museum Farmers' Market Joins Coupon Program

The Parksville Museum Farmers' Market has been accepted into the farmers' market nutrition coupon program, a healthy eating initiative supporting farmers' markets and strengthening local food systems across the province. The Museum is closer to its goal of becoming a food hub for the region and ensuring local food for all. [bcfarmersmarket.org](http://bcfarmersmarket.org)



### 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 being sold 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](http://www.Canada150Mosaic.com) on Facebook @canada150mosaic and Instagram #canada150mosaic.

## City Dates

June 16	Coffee with Council
June 20	Council Meeting
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 4	Taxes, homeowner grant due
July 4	Council Meeting
July 7	Coffee with Council
July 14	Advisory Design Panel
July 18	Council Meeting
July 21	Coffee with Council
August 1	BC Day (offices closed)
August 3	Council Meeting
August 4	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, meeting highlights and minutes.

## How To Reach Council

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## City Services

### Property Taxes Due Monday, July 4

Tax notices for the current year were mailed in May. Contact the City's property tax department (250 248-6144) if you have not received your notice. Prior to July 4, residents must claim the homeowner grant by bringing the completed application to City Hall or by claiming the grant online [Online Services]. Homeowner grant applications must be completed each year that you are eligible. If the July 4 deadline is not met, your property tax account will have an outstanding balance and receive an immediate 5% penalty.

### Water Restrictions Stage 2

Stage 2 is in effect in the City through September unless otherwise advised by the City. 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]

### 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].

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