



City of Parksville

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By-Election for City Councillor



A by-election will be held on Saturday, October 22 at the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Voters in the City of Parksville will elect one member of Council who will serve the remaining term of office until the next civic election in October 2018. Further information may be

obtained by contacting Keeva Kehler, Chief Election Officer (250 954-4660) or Amanda Weeks, Deputy Chief Election Officer (250 954-3070). election-official@parksville.ca

By-Election Dates

Advance Voting -

Wednesday, October 12 and Wednesday, October 19
8am to 8pm – Parksville Community and Conference Centre

General Voting Day - Saturday, October 22

8am to 8pm - Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church

Notice of Nomination

Nominations for the office of Councillor will be received by the Chief or Deputy Election Officer at City offices until 4 pm on Friday, September 16. Appointments are recommended. Nomination documents are available for pickup from the administration department during regular office hours.

City Services and Things to Know

Watering Restrictions – Stage 2 which is in effect until September 30 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours per day. Stage 1 which is effective from October 1 until April 30 (unless otherwise notified) allows for lawn watering between 7 pm and 7 am. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees and businesses which require water for operations are exempt from watering restrictions.

Bylaw compliance department continues to experience delayed service times due to staffing resources and increased volumes. Please expect a waiting period of about three weeks before new complaints may be addressed by an officer. Based on the complexity of the complaint, this timeline does not guarantee a complaint will be resolved immediately once addressed. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of residents.

Property Tax Sale – property tax accounts with delinquent taxes (outstanding from 2014) on September 26 are subject to tax sale which, if required, will take place in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East) at 10 am on September 26.

Late payment of property taxes – after the first due date of July 4, 2016, a penalty of 5% was added to the outstanding taxes. Another 5% penalty will be charged to current taxes after the second penalty date of September 30. These penalties are a requirement of the Community Charter and the City has no authority to either waive or modify these penalty amounts. A payment which is one day late is subject to the full penalty amount.

ShakeOut BC – consider registering for the 2016 Great BC ShakeOut drill to be held on October 20. ShakeOutBC.ca. Participating is a great way for families and businesses to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from major earthquakes. Participating creates a positive understanding of the importance of earthquake awareness and emergency preparedness.

Qualifications for Office

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

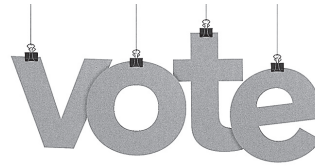
- Canadian citizen
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day
- Resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed
- Not disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office.

Note: There is no requirement for a candidate to be a resident or own property in the municipality.

Voter Requirements

A person is qualified to vote if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian Citizen
- Age 18 or older by general voting day
- Resident of BC for at least 6 months
- Resident of the City of at least 30 days
- Not be disqualified by an enactment from voting in an election or not otherwise be disqualified by law
- Provide two pieces of ID



PVFD Open House – October 16

The Parksville Fire Department will open its doors on Sunday, October 16 from 10 am to 2 pm to recognize Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15). Residents are welcome to drop by for a little fun and most importantly, to learn some possible lifesaving strategies for fire prevention. Tours of the fire hall will be conducted by firefighters and the RCMP will be on hand to check car seats. The fire hall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is **"Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every Ten Years"** which underscores the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home, including the basement. The PVFD would like families to focus on prevention by planning ahead and integrating a few simple fire safety activities into everyday lives. nfpa.org

Don't Wait – Check the Date!
Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15, 2016 | Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

2017 Budget Process

During the 2016 budget process, Council requested the 2017 budget process begin as soon as possible. In August, Council approved the 2017 budget timeline which includes a schedule for the City's provisional 2017-2021 financial plan and budget process. Department input and senior management review is now underway through October and the budget will be distributed to Council for their review prior to a presentation to Council and the public on November 2. A second presentation will be held November 9 with additional public consultation scheduled should it be necessary. A tentative schedule for the 2017-2021 final financial plan and final budget is set for March 2017.

Things to Know

Celebrate Canada's 150th in Parksville

Looking for memories of Parksville in 1967

Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017 marks a significant milestone for our country. We have begun planning to determine how Parksville should mark the Sesquicentennial and we'd love to hear your ideas on how we can tie the past to the future, showcase Parksville in 2017 and create a legacy for future generations.

We have created a survey available from the home page of the City's website. We hope you will share your ideas and inspiration for 2017, provide your thoughts on what inspires you as a Canadian and how we can celebrate in 2017. We are also hoping to have residents share their memories from 1967, especially those who lived in Parksville in 1967. #Canada150Parksville



CANADA 150

Parksville's Mural Project

Parksville's Canada 150 Mural will be unveiled on Monday, October 17 at 5 pm. 400 tiles were painted in the Community Park in August and the mural will be permanently mounted in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre as part of a national Canada 150 project. More info to come.

City Dates

September 15	Coffee with Council
September 19	Council Meeting
September 26	Property Tax Sale
September 30	Second Property Tax Penalty
October 3	Council Meeting
October 6	Coffee with Council
October 10	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
October 12	By-Election - Advance Voting
October 13	Advisory Design Panel
October 13	Coffee with Council
October 16	PVFD Open House
October 17	Canada 150 Mural Unveiling
October 17	Council Meeting
October 19	By-Election - Advance Voting
October 20	Great BC ShakeOut
October 20	Coffee with Council
October 22	By-Election - General Voting Day

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.

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