



City of Parksville

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Remember with us on November 11 at 11am

November 8, 2016

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City Services

PVFD Annual Food and Toy Drive November 19 & 20



It's the time of year when Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will once again collect food and toys, door-to-door throughout Parksville and the areas served by the Parksville Fire Protection Area. The annual food and toy drive will take place this year on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 from 9 am to 4 pm.

The week prior to the food drive, through the local newspapers, Quality Foods will provide paper bags for groceries. Please leave the bag in a carport or by the door to be picked up by firefighters. During the collection weekend, it may not be possible for volunteers to get to every household. If we miss a home, please bring non-perishable food items and/or new, unwrapped toys to the Parksville Fire Hall. Cash donations are also welcomed.

The department is also looking for apartment building ambassadors, residents willing to coordinate donations of food and toys for their building. Please call Mark Chandler, food drive organizer, at 250 951-6651.

In 2015, the food and toy drive collected 23,500 pounds of food and cash donations of \$5,000 for the Salvation Army. Parksville residents generously support this drive and are the reason it is such a success. Any support residents are able to give is

appreciated by the Parksville Fire Department and will make the world of difference to many families this holiday season.



Fill the Fire Engine!
Parksville Fire Department's
Food and Toy Drive
November 19 & 20



2017 Special Events Applications

Applications from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues as well as City streets in 2017 will be accepted starting January 1 and reviewed starting January 30. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 30 after which time, applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first come, first-served basis, depending on venue availability. After January 30, 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.

For use of the baseball/soccer fields and lacrosse box, contact Regional District of Nanaimo's Recreation and Parks Department at fieldbooking@rdn.bc.ca.

2017 Budget Meeting – November 9

Residents are invited to attend the second public budget deliberation meeting on November 9 at 6 pm in the Forum. Council will discuss the 2017-2021 municipal budget and financial plan. The public may comment at the meeting and the meeting may be viewed live or archived through webstreaming on the City's website which also includes budget information. [Quicklink - Reports]

Corfield/Jensen Greenway Project

The City hosted an open house in October to review preliminary plans for capital project road improvements on Corfield Street from Highway 19A to Stanford Avenue as well as a preliminary proposal for improvements to a trail connecting Corfield Street to Evergreen Street, Bagshaw Street and McVickers Street. City engineering staff and consultants presented preliminary roadway and pedestrian design concepts.

The City is working to improve pedestrian and cycling safety and formalize traffic lanes and parking on Corfield Avenue from Highway 19A to Stanford. Construction is expected to begin in early 2017 and funding for this project is included in the City's 2016 and 2017 capital plans as well as a beautification grant expected from BC Hydro.

The information provided at the open house is available on the City's website. Attendees at the open house were asked to provide comments on both the Corfield Street capital upgrades and the Jensen greenway concept. We encourage residents to continue to provide comments and suggestions through a survey on the website. Public participation is important to this project and will help to inform Council's decision on whether to proceed with the greenway project. [City Hall/Capital Projects/Corfield Street Upgrades]

Master Transportation Plan – Public Input

The City has begun the process to finalize the Master Transportation Plan which identifies key transportation strategies for the City of Parksville. Information will be presented to the public on Thursday, December 1 from 2-7 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

Public involvement is a key component of Parksville's transportation decision-making process and we wish to provide opportunity for public participation and input. Public comments will help to inform Council's decisions and ensure the updated plan continues to support growth and development and reflect current traffic demands.

Since the plan was first introduced in November 2009, the City adopted an Official Community Plan and completed the Storm Water Master Plan and Sanitary Master Plan. The updated Master Transportation Plan now reconciles with the OCP adopted in July 2013 and includes recommendations based upon updated traffic volumes. The purpose of the plan:

- Document and review current conditions.
- Make recommendations for future transportation requirements relative to the City's development plans.
- Provide a basis for adopting innovative, sustainable approaches to all modes of transportation.
- Update the long-term capital plan for funding and construction of recommended improvements.

The City encourages the public to attend this final open house for the Master Transportation Plan on December 1. In addition to this open house, the draft Master Transportation Plan will be available later this month for review on the City's website. Residents and businesses will be able to provide comments and feedback at the open house and then online through December 30.



By-Election Result



Kim Burden was sworn in as the City's new Councillor at the November 7 meeting and will fill the remaining term until the next general election in November 2018. Councillor Burden's contact information is now included on this page.

Things to Know

Wood Chipping Program - The City's chipping program is held annually in the spring only. Garden refuse may be taken to the Church Road Transfer Station.

Canada 150 Survey - Share your ideas and suggestions for 2017 celebrations in Parksville. Survey available from the City's website.



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City Dates

November 9	Special Council Meeting – Budget
November 10	Coffee with Council
November 10	Advisory Design Panel
November 11	Remembrance Day (offices closed)
November 17	Coffee with Council
November 19/20	PVFD Annual Food and Toy Drive
November 21	Council Meeting
November 24	Coffee with Council
December 1	Coffee with Council
December 1	Master Transportation Plan Open House
December 5	Council Meeting
December 8	Advisory Design Panel
December 8	Coffee with Council
December 15	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.

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