



City of Parksville

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Become a Volunteer Firefighter

Do you have what it takes?

There are many reasons to consider becoming a firefighter. For starters, it's a great way to contribute to your community. You will learn new skills, from firefighting and first aid to communications and technical rescue. And, you will make new friends that you're likely to have for the rest of your life. The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is made up of people from all walks of life, men and women of all ages and professions.

The PVFD relies on volunteer firefighters and is now recruiting for 2017. You need to live in the Parksville fire protection area (ideally Parksville), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between the ages of 19 and 60 for regular members.

Volunteer, paid on-call firefighters respond to emergencies 365 days a year. You will be trained, challenged and your life will change. The department also offers a junior program for those under the age of 19, providing a great introduction to life as a PVFD member.

If you would like to learn more about being an on call firefighter, we encourage you to drop by the fire hall at 160 Jensen Avenue West to speak with one of our officers, Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm or by phone 250 248-3242. More details as well as applications are available from the Fire Hall and from the PVFD website [pvfd.ca/recruiting]. Application deadline is March 3.

City Services

2017 Business Licences

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2017 calendar year. Fees are due January 20 and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1483 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. More information may be found on the website [[Business/Licences](#)].

2017 Dog Licences

Dog licence fees are due by January 31. Current dog licences will receive a reminder notice; if you do not receive a notice and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA.



- By January 31, spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30
- After January 31, spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. Fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash park, provide doggie bags and dispensers and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.

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Is there FIRE in you?

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City Services

Winter Conditions



During winter months, staff monitor road and weather conditions 24/7. The City provides snow and ice control, operating within budget and with available equipment and personnel to provide for reasonably safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Despite the best efforts, conditions can deteriorate and roads can become treacherous. Questions about our snow and ice control program should be directed to operations department, 250 248-5412, during regular office hours. [[Quicklink/Winter Conditions](#)].

Clearing of sidewalks is the responsibility of property owners. Every owner and occupier of property is responsible under Bylaw 1436 to remove all snow or ice from sidewalks bordering their property within 12 hours of the end of the snowfall. During periods of heavy snowfall and during regular hours of operation, City crews will support public clearing of sidewalks on streets with high pedestrian traffic, such as arterials and roads in the downtown core.

Water Main Flushing

The City's annual water main flushing program starts on February 14 and will run through the first week in April. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing will occur mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. During these times, residents can expect some discoloration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure and should keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discoloration of water before doing laundry and should water be discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until the water runs clear. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

2017 Special Events Applications

Applications for special events at City-owned venues as well as City streets in 2017 are now being accepted and will be reviewed starting January 30. Annual events receive 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 availability. After January 30, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to event. The special events policy and forms may be obtained from the website [[City Hall/Special Events Procedures](#)], the operations department and City Hall. 250 248-5412.

Spring Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the City's grant-in-aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events that benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible applicants. Deadline is 4 pm, March 1. Information on this program, the policy, application and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [[Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications](#)].

Seeking ADP Members

The City is seeking members for the Advisory Design Panel. The purpose of the Advisory Design Panel is to advise Council on design matters associated with specific development applications. Members are expected to have design experience and qualifications. Some members must be architects, landscape architects, or individuals with a design related degree or experience in universal design. Preference may be given to local residents; however, all interested individuals are encouraged to apply. This community service work does not receive remuneration.

Interested individuals are invited to submit an application for appointment to the Advisory Design Panel. Application deadline is Friday, February 24 at 4 pm. Applications will then be referred to Council for consideration. Applications should be sent to:

Blaine Russell, Director of Community Planning
100 Jensen Avenue East, PO Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3
Planning@parksville.ca

"No Dogs" Beach Closures

Our beaches are popular spots for migrating Brant geese, vulnerable to disturbances and for this reason, beaches will be closed to dogs. Please note Parksville beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area, Rath Trevor Beach will be closed to dogs, both on-leash and off-leash from February 1 to April 15 and Parksville Beach is closed to dogs from March 1 to April 30.

Residential Family Water Rates

Large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than eighteen years of age may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline is February 24 at 4 pm. Information and application forms may be obtained from City Hall and from the website [[Residents/Utility Billing](#)].

Rebate Programs

We are continuing to offer the toilet and rain barrel rebates again 2017. Information and applications are available on the website [[Residents](#)].

City Dates

January 19	Coffee with Council
January 26	Coffee with Council
February 2	Coffee with Council
February 6	Council Meeting
February 9	Coffee with Council
February 13	Family Day Holiday
February 16	Coffee with Council
February 20	Council Meeting
February 23	Coffee with Council
March 2	Coffee with Council
March 6	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, meeting highlights and minutes.

How To Reach Council

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