



City of Parksville

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Become a Volunteer Firefighter

Experience the thrill and pride of being a firefighter

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 you're likely to have for the rest of your life. The 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. 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 to speak with one of our officers. More details and applications are available from the fire hall and from the PVFD website [pvfd.ca/recruiting]. Application deadline is March 3.

Parksville Fire Department Now Recruiting!

Learn more about being an on call firefighter. Drop by the fire hall at 160 Jensen Avenue West and chat with one of our officers. Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm or call 250 248-3242.

More details and applications available at the fire hall and from the website. Application deadline March 3.

Pvfd.ca | Facebook.com/ParksvilleFD | Twitter.com/ParksvilleFD

What If No One Answered The Call?



Budget Deliberation Meetings

Council extends an invitation to residents to attend open budget deliberation meetings regarding the draft final 2017 - 2021 budget and 2017 financial plan. Meetings will be held in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East at 6 pm on Wednesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 29.

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process. Comments may be submitted in person at the meetings, by email to info@parksville.ca or on the City's Facebook page. Comments should be received by March 9 to be considered by Council on March 15 and by March 23 for the March 29 meeting and will form part of the public record. Budget meetings may also be viewed live and archived through webstreaming from the City's website.



Water Main Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program runs 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 take place mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. During these times, residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure and should keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your refrigerator. Check for discolouration 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.

Community Park Mobile Food Concession RFP

The City wishes to provide concession services through mobile vendors in the Community Park with a focus on locally grown and nutritious foods. Contractors would operate mobile food concessions for the 2017 summer season from May 1 through September 30; two concession pads are located in the park and applicants may submit proposals for one or both of the existing pads. The closing date for the return of RFPs is March 3 at 4 pm to the Administration Department, City of Parksville. Additional information and the RFP document are available on the City's website.

Seeking ADP Members

The City is looking for Advisory Design Panel members. The purpose of the panel is to advise Council on design matters associated with development applications. Members are expected to have design experience and qualifications and some panel 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, interested individuals are encouraged to apply. This community service work does not receive remuneration. Application deadline is February 24 at 4 pm to the Director of Community Planning, City of Parksville or by email Planning@parksville.ca.

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 which benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply. Deadline is 4 pm, March 1. Information on the program, the policy, application and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

Things to Know

"No Dogs" Beach Closures

Our beaches are popular spots for migrating Brant geese, vulnerable to disturbances and for this reason, Parksville beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area will be closed to dogs:

- Parksville Beach is closed to dogs, both on-leash and off-leash from March 1 to April 30.
- Rathrevor Beach will be closed to dogs, both on-leash and off-leash until April 30.

Brant Wildlife Festival

The 27th annual Brant Wildlife Festival is held during March and April. This festival celebrates nature, particularly Brant geese, on Mid-Vancouver Island through many fun activities for all ages. Events range from spring break nature camps for kids to wildlife viewing opportunities and guest speakers across Parksville, Qualicum Beach and surrounding areas. For a full list of events, check out brantfestival.bc.ca

Things to Know

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].

Water Day in Parksville - March 12

The Regional District of Nanaimo will host Water Day in Parksville on Sunday, March 12. This free event will be held from 11 am to 3 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre and will feature workshops on water wise gardening, efficient irrigation and rain gardens. As well, there will be interactive booths, activities for kids, artists, food vendors and live music. Celebrate Canada Water Week in Parksville on March 12!



CANADA WATERWEEK

City Dates

February 23	Coffee with Council
March 2	Coffee with Council
March 6	Council Meeting
March 9	Coffee with Council
March 15	Budget Deliberation Meeting
March 16	Coffee with Council
March 20	Council Meeting
March 23	Coffee with Council
March 29	Budget Deliberation Meeting
March 30	Coffee with Council
April 3	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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