



City of Parksville

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A Busy Spring

Many residents have expressed concern about how areas are maintained throughout the City and why certain areas have not been addressed. Each year brings its own challenges and it goes without saying this is the busiest time of

the year for City operations with this spring seeing an historic number of requests for service. We are truly doing our best with resources and appreciate the understanding and patience of our residents.

The Community Park is a priority for staff with new drainage system and sidewalk near the tennis courts, new garbage cans, new plantings and trees, turf renovation and replacement of boards, benches and fencing in the lacrosse box. Annual work in the volleyball courts, spray park and sports fields has already been completed this year. Our summer students are now in full swing attending to the park.

The cool wet spring followed by sun and more rain has made it difficult for staff to keep up with all grass maintenance throughout City parks and open spaces. Well over 10,000 flowers have been planted (with extra Canada 150 projects) and over 100 hanging baskets are up. Irrigation has commissioned around 360 zones including cross-connection testing, basic setup, programming and initial repairs.

A priority issue for staff has been dealing with and clearing the many transient camps established throughout the City. It is also worth noting, the new water treatment plant and intake project as well as construction of a new operations shop has significantly impacted workload. Staff is now busy catching up on the mowing areas, weeding City Hall and preparing the highway beds for the Canada Day parade.

Community Park Splash Park Project

The Parksville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Parksville AM are making a splash to raise \$100,000 towards replacement of the outdated spray park in the Community Park. Open until September, the park will be rebuilt over the winter and ready by May 2018.

We are grateful the Rotary and Lions are committed to raising funds from the community and their efforts will be evident over the summer with the sale of 50/50 tickets and candied salmon at the Summer by the Sea Street market. For more information, please speak with members of the Parksville Lions Club or Rotary Club of Parksville AM, phone 250 954-3073 or check out parksvillesplashpark.com.



Community Park Tourist Survey

We continue to work with Vancouver Island University to gather input from residents and tourists to create a vision for the Parksville Community Park. Consultation started in March with the *Parks on the Street* event, followed by a *World Café*, *Picnic Table Talks*, *Gazebo Talks* and a resident survey.

The next consultation phase includes a tourist survey on four Fridays and Saturdays during July, starting July 7. On these days, students will be in the Community Park to speak with visitors from outside the Parksville area to capture their perspectives and visions for the park. Information gathered during the tourist survey, along with other public engagement activities, will be presented to Council in the fall. The final document will provide direction for development of the Community Park over a twenty-year timeframe.



2016 Annual Report

The City's annual report, a snapshot of goals and accomplishments in 2016, will be formally presented to Council on July 5. The report is available for review on our website [*Quicklinks – Reports*] and at the administration department. Residents may comment at the July 5 Council meeting, by email to info@parksville.ca or through the contact form on our website.

Springwood Transmission Main

In the next few weeks, IDL Projects Incorporated will begin construction on the Springwood reservoir transmission main to deliver water from the new treatment plant directly to the above ground reservoir in Springwood Park. Project benefits include increased supply and improved firefighting capabilities, improved water quality and enhanced operation and the ability to efficiently meet water demands.

The first phase of work will be removal of vegetation and trees to allow for the construction of the watermain. Work will continue through this winter and be substantially complete by spring 2018. We thank residents for your patience and cooperation while this project is underway. Please direct questions to the operations department at 250 248-5412.

Big Plans for a Little Park – June 24

Check out the big plans for a little park! The Pioneer Crescent Neighbourhood Residents Association will host a kickoff fundraising event for Shelly Park on Saturday, June 24 from 12.30 to 2.30 pm. The neighbourhood association invites all residents to a BBQ and kickoff to the fundraising initiative for improvements to the park. The event is an opportunity to learn about the big plans for little Shelly Park and the Shelly Park Centre will be open for tours. Meet the neighbourhood, enjoy some food, view the concept plans and learn how you can support the project! Shelly Park is located at the corner of Shelly and Turner roads.



CANADA 150

Parksville Canada Day Celebrations

Parksville celebrations on Saturday, July 1 start early and end at dusk with grand finale fireworks. During this time, the Community Park will be closed to all vehicles. It's a full day of family fun with entertainment and activities as well as food vendors and artisans. More info at parksvillechamber.com/events.

7.30 -11 am	Shriners Pancake Breakfast (CCCU parking lot)
10 am	Parade, Island Highway East (Pioneer Crescent to Craig Street)
Noon	Opening ceremonies, Community Park
12.30 pm to dusk	Festivities, entertainment
10.15 pm	Thrifty Foods Fireworks Spectacular

Parksville Fire Department Turns 75!

Save the date and celebrate the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department's 75th anniversary on **Saturday, July 22**.

To mark this historic occasion, the department will host a *Show and Shine & Open House*. Festivities take place from 10 am to 3 pm at the Parksville Fire Department (160 Jensen Avenue West) and in the parking area between the fire station and City Hall where classic and current firefighting equipment from communities on Vancouver Island will be on display. Something for all ages - live demonstrations, station tours, activities and light refreshments by donation. Celebrate PVFD's 75 years with us!



Things to Know

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. Application deadline is noon, June 30. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [*Public Notices*].

Water Restriction Stage 2 - continues through September unless otherwise advised. Sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses and is permitted for a maximum of two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for no more than two hours per day. [*Quicklinks/Water*]

Property Taxes Due 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.

City Dates

June 24	Shelly Park Event
July 1	Canada Day
July 3	City Offices Closed
July 4	Taxes, Homeowner Grant Due
July 5	Council Meeting
July 6	Coffee with Council
July 13	Advisory Design Panel
July 17	Council Meeting
July 20	Coffee with Council
July 22	Parksville Fire Department
August 3	Coffee with Council
August 7	BC Day (offices closed)
August 9	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.

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