



## Draft Community Park Master Plan Open House - October 28

The student team from Vancouver Island University is looking forward to presenting the draft Community Park Master Plan to residents for consideration and comments. The drop-in open house on Saturday, October 28 will be held at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre from 10 am to 2 pm.

The draft plan presented to Council earlier this month included draft recommendations as well as methodology, guiding principles, priority recommendations and short to long-term concept visions. This information will be provided to residents on October 28 and may be viewed on the City's website. Comments received on October 28 will then go to Council for their consideration when approving the final Community Park Master Plan.

The Community Park often described as the jewel of Parksville, supports many activities for all ages, from special events to the more simple pleasures of walking along the waterfront and the enjoyment of nature. Since the project first started early this year, VIU students have held a variety of public engagement and consultation activities to inform the twenty-year vision and master plan for the Community Park. Engagement included events such as Parks on the Streets, a World Café, Gazebo Talks, one-on-one picnic table meetings and online and in-person surveys.



## Budget 2018 – Have Your Say

City Council invites residents to attend public budget deliberation meetings on Monday, October 30 and Thursday, November 16 at 6 pm in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. Should a third meeting be required, it will be held on November 21.



Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council would like to receive your comments and suggestions. Here is how you can contribute to the discussion. General comments should be received by October 25 to be considered by Council on October 30 and by November 8 for the November 16 meeting. Please note comments will form part of the public record.

- Comment in person on October 30 and November 16. Council will provide opportunities for questions, comments and suggestions from the public.
- Watch the meeting live online through the City's webstreaming. Video from the meeting will be archived and may be viewed at another time as well.
- Email comments and questions to [info@parksville.ca](mailto:info@parksville.ca)
- Post comments on Facebook <http://facebook.com/cityparksville>

If you are not familiar with the City's budget information, the municipal budgets and financial plans from previous years may be viewed from the website at [City Hall/Reports and Publications/Financial Plans](#).

## 2018 Special Events Applications

Applications from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets in 2018 are now being accepted with the review process starting January 30. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 29, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on 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. For use of the sports fields and lacrosse box, contact RDN's Recreation and Parks [fieldbooking@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:fieldbooking@rdn.bc.ca).

Special event applications received after January 30 must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event date and will be subject to the same terms and conditions as those applications received prior to January 30, 2018. For information contact the operations department, 250 248-5412 or [publicworks@parksville.ca](mailto:publicworks@parksville.ca).

## Generous Support for Splash Park

It's all about the kids as the Parksville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Parksville AM continue to successfully raise funds to replace the outdated Community Park spray park which will be rebuilt over the winter. Over the past month, the project received generous support from Mid Island Co-op and Quality Foods, the largest donations to date. Thank you!



Tsunami sponsorship support from Mid Island Co-op



Tidal Wave sponsorship support from Quality Foods

Members of the Lions or Rotary clubs would be pleased to speak with you about the project or contact Deb Tardiff at 250 954-3073 or [splashpark@parksville.ca](mailto:splashpark@parksville.ca). Donations may be made online through Canada Helps – available at [parksvillesplashpark.com](http://parksvillesplashpark.com).

## Annual Food and Toy Drive

The drive is set for Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19 from 9 am to 4 pm. Firefighters will collect food and toys for the Salvation Army, door-to-door throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Cash donations are welcome. More info at [pvfd.ca](http://pvfd.ca)



## Recruiting Now for 2018!

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is now recruiting for 2018 and is looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters, an opportunity to be part of tradition. For information stop by the Parksville Fire Department at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or [pvfd.ca](http://pvfd.ca)

## Things to Know

- The tender for construction of the **Corfield Street upgrade** closes on October 27 and construction will begin shortly after contract award. This project has been two years in the making and is a significant investment for the City. Improvements will be made to the road, water, sewer and drainage on Corfield as well as a new multi-use greenway along the Jensen Avenue alignment from Corfield to McVickers Street.

## Things to Know

- Over the next month, the City will be consulting the public about a possible city-wide **ban on the use of plastic bags**. This information will be gathered through an online survey and social media. More information to come.
- **Utility notices** covering water, sewer and garbage and recycling were mailed the end of September and are due October 31. If you have not received your notice, please phone 250 248-6144.
- **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.
- **ShakeOut** on October 19 at 10:19 am - reminder to register for the 2017 Great BC Shakeout drill. It's a great way for families or businesses to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from major earthquakes. Info and resources at [shakeoutbc.ca](http://shakeoutbc.ca).
- **Parksville Enews** is back. The publication is sent via email around the first of the month. If you would like a copy emailed to you, there is a subscription link from the home page of the City's website.

## City Dates

October 19	Coffee with Council
October 19	Great BC ShakeOut
October 26	Coffee with Council
October 28	Community Park Master Plan Open House
October 30	Budget Deliberations
November 2	Coffee with Council
November 6	Council Meeting
November 9	Advisory Design Panel
November 9	Coffee with Council
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
November 16	Coffee with Council
November 16	Budget Deliberations
November 20	Council Meeting
November 21	Budget Deliberations
November 23	Coffee with Council
November 30	Coffee with Council
December 4	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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