



City of Parksville

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Enjoy the Holiday Season!

Council and staff of the City of Parksville wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2018



Corfield Street and Jensen Greenway Project Update

Construction on this major contract started officially on December 4. The contractor, Locar Industries, has set up their construction marshalling area on City-owned property at 222 Corfield Street and on the City's Jensen Avenue road right-of-way. Work will be focusing on the sanitary sewer and storm drainage system on the west side of Corfield for the remainder of December with some trail clearing and tree removal for the future multi-use trail in the Jensen Avenue corridor.

Please note the pedestrian connection on the south side of Jensen is closed. Pedestrians should use the pedestrian crosswalk on the north side of Jensen to access the existing trail. During construction, traffic will be controlled in all directions for both cars and pedestrians. In order for this work to be completed, please expect interruptions to traffic flow and intermittent alternating single-lane usage. We ask for the patience of the public, the contractor will attempt to complete this work as efficiently and safely as possible. For the public's safety, the instructions provided by the traffic control people must be obeyed.

The final construction drawings are available on the City's website [Quicklink/Corfield Street Project]. Questions should be directed to the project manager, Fred Pakkala at 250 951-2479 or fpakkala@parksville.ca

Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity? Consider becoming a VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is entrusted to protect the community we proudly serve. Volunteer firefighters play an important role in providing a timely response to emergency situations. We are looking for responsible and accountable team players who are willing to volunteer as firefighters.

You need to live in the Parksville fire protection area (ideally within City boundaries), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between the ages of 19 and 60 for regular members. Paid on call firefighters respond to emergencies 365 days a year. You will be trained, you will be challenged and your life will change. More details and applications are available from the firehall and the PVFD website [pvfd.ca]. Application deadline is March 2 at 4 pm.



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. To find out if firefighting is in your future, please stop by the firehall at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or pvfd.ca

Practice Night Open House – Monday, January 15

An opportunity to see firsthand what's involved in training to be a volunteer firefighter; to observe a practice, ask questions and chat with members and officers. Drop in between 7-9 pm at the firehall, 160 Jensen Avenue West.

City Services

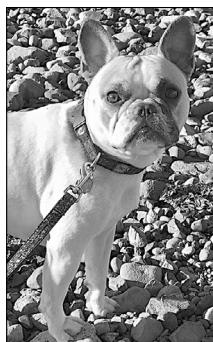
2018 Business Licences

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2018 calendar year. Renewal invoices will be mailed the first week in December. Fees are due by January 31, 2018, 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].

2018 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. As well, fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.

2018 Council Meetings

Council appointments to committees, boards, commissions and associations from December 5, 2017, to November 5, 2018, are now posted on the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council]. A schedule of 2018 Council meetings is posted on the notice board at City Hall and on the website calendar. Coffee with Council will start up again on January 11 from 2-4 pm at City Hall.

2018 Special Events Applications

Applications from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets are now being accepted with review 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 policy and 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. Contact 250 248-5412 or publicworks@parksville.ca for more information.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Trees are an integral part of holiday celebrations, but what to do with them when Christmas is over? Leaving them on sidewalks/boulevards interferes with pedestrian traffic and impedes vehicle sightlines. Because the City is not responsible for disposing of Christmas trees, here are a few options:

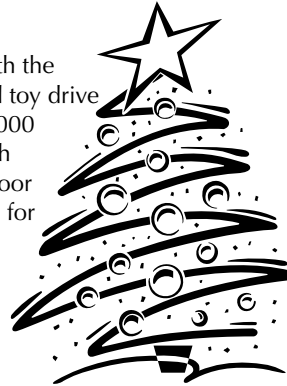
- Trees may be taken to the Church Road Transfer Station for disposal.
- Service groups may hold fundraising chipping events; watch PQB News for notices.
- Check the classifieds for individuals / companies offering disposal services.
- Store tree on your property to be included with the City's spring wood chipping program.



Things to Know

Thank You Parksville!

The fire department was thrilled with the results of the 2017 annual food and toy drive held in November. Upwards of 38,000 pounds of food and \$21,000 in cash donations were collected door to door in the Parksville fire protection area for the Salvation Army food bank. The success of this year's drive and the generosity of the community were truly overwhelming. Thank you!



Holiday Hours

City offices and operations will be closed on December 25, December 26 and January 1. For after-hours emergency, phone 250 248-6144 (4 pm to 8 am, Monday to Friday, weekends and holidays).

Home Owner Grant 2016

Deadline to claim a retroactive home owner grant for 2016 (subject to qualifications) is December 31, 2017. Please contact the City's finance department for more information.

Plastic bag survey

Plastic bag survey - Our thanks to those who completed the survey; we received almost 600 responses and 1,000 comments. A report will go to Council in early 2018.

City Dates

December 25 & 26	City offices closed
January 1	City offices closed
January 11	Coffee with Council
January 15	Council Meeting
January 18	Coffee with Council
January 25	Coffee with Council
February 1	Coffee with Council
February 5	Council Meeting
February 8	Coffee with Council
February 12	Family Day (offices closed)
February 15	Coffee with Council
February 19	Council Meeting
February 22	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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