



City of Parksville

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Special Council Meeting – February 26

Council recently referred consideration of the proposed "City of Parksville Subdivision Servicing Bylaw, 2017, No. 1540" to a meeting on February 26 at 6 pm in the Forum. The proposed new bylaw will establish updated engineering specifications and standards for the subdivision of land. Changes include general housekeeping amendments and reorganization, as well changes to water, sanitary, storm sewer and roads requirements, including tree planting and spacing.

The proposed bylaw and report may be viewed from the City's website. Comments in writing from the public should be received by noon, February 21. Written comments may be dropped off in person or by mail to the City and by email administration@parksville.ca

Consider becoming a VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER



Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity? The Parksville Fire Department is now recruiting for the spring class. On-call volunteer firefighters are the backbone of fire and rescue operations in our region. To find out if firefighting is in your future, stop by the firehall at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or see the department's website [pvfd.ca] for more details. Application deadline is March 2 at 4 pm.

St Paddy's Casino Splash – March 17

You might just find your pot of gold at the St Paddy's Casino Splash on Saturday, March 17 from 7 to 11 pm at Parksville Chrysler.



Hosted by the Parksville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Parksville AM, this event will raise funds for the new splash park in the Community Park. Tickets \$60 (\$75 at the door) available from Marlin Travel, Parksville Chrysler and Mount Arrowsmith Brewing.

Help us keep the spirit of St Patrick alive by supporting this fundraising event and don't forget to wear your best St Paddy's Day attire. Bet your fun money at gambling tables and win prizes. There's appetizers, music, a wall of wine and cash bar featuring Mount Arrowsmith Brewing Company. Our thanks to Parksville Chrysler and Mount Arrowsmith Brewing and the ongoing support of the Lions and Rotary Clubs.



Things to Know

- Beach Closures to Dogs** - 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 close to dogs both on-leash and off-leash. Rathrevor Beach is closed to dogs until April 15 and Parksville Bay beach will be 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 18 years of age may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline is February 23 at 4 pm. Info and application from City Hall and website [Residents/Utility Billing].
- Brant Wildlife Festival** from March 19 to April 28 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. [brantfestival.bc.ca]
- Emergency Preparedness Expo 2018** is set for Saturday, April 28 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. Mark your calendars; more info to come.
- Oceanside Mother's Day Race** - check out the Oceanside Running Club event on May 13 with part proceeds to Parksville Haven Society. 10K run through Rathrevor Beach Provincial Park and a 5K course for runners, walkers and baby strollers. Info and registration at orcarunning.ca. Online registration \$30; \$40 on race day.

City Services

Water Main Flushing

Water main flushing is important to our ongoing maintenance program to ensure the integrity of the water supply system. The annual program runs until the first week in April, 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 fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if water is discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until the water runs clear. Questions to 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].

2018 Budget Meetings

Residents are welcome to attend budget deliberation meetings on March 26 and April 9. Meetings will be held in the Forum at 6 pm. Public input is an important part of the financial planning process. Comments may be submitted in person at the meetings, by email [info@parksville.ca] or on the City's Facebook page. Comments should be received by March 20 to be considered by Council on March 26 and by April 3 for the April 9 meeting and will form part of the public record. Budget meetings are also webstreamed on the City's website.

Annual Wood Chipping Program

This year's program will run from April 3 through April 24. Details, including collection dates for neighbourhoods are available on our website and more info in next month's City page. Questions to 250 248-5412.

Water Project Update

The Englishman River Water Service project which is about 50% complete in the construction phase includes an in-river water supply intake, water treatment plant and transmission supply mains to Top Bridge and Springwood reservoirs and the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service area. Contractors have completed the transmission main to Top Bridge Park and the Englishman River, Shelly Creek and Alberni Highway water main crossings, the water intake and foundations for the treatment plant and pump station. Once this significant project is complete, the community's water system will ensure high-quality, safe water, exceeding Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines and will be sized to handle water demands for future generations.



Parks on the Street - March 17

The City has embarked on a second project with VIU, Master of Community Planning Program and Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute to undertake a consultation strategy and development of a comprehensive Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan.

Public engagement starts in March with another "Parks on the Street" event. Similar to the successful kickoff event for the Community Park Master Plan in 2017, students will ask residents what they would like to see for the future of parks in the City. "Parks on the Street" will take place on Saturday, March 17 from 10 am to 3 pm at several locations around Parksville. More info will be available on the City's website.

Things to Know

- The Regional District of Nanaimo's draft Solid Waste Management Plan** proposes a 90% waste reduction goal over the next ten years. What do you think? Take the survey at getinvolved.rdn.ca/swmp to help the RDN plan for sustainable solid waste management. Chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card.

City Dates

February 22	Coffee with Council
February 26	Council Meeting
March 1	Coffee with Council
March 5	Council Meeting
March 8	Advisory Design Panel
March 8	Coffee with Council
March 15	Coffee with Council
March 17	Parks on the Street
March 17	St Paddy's Casino Splash
March 19	Council Meeting
March 22	Coffee with Council
March 26	Budget Meeting
March 29	Coffee with Council
March 30	Good Friday (offices closed)
April 2	Easter Monday (offices closed)

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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