



City of Parksville

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City Services

Budget Deliberation 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.

Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

For those who received written notification from the City, notice is given that the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 16 at 5:45 pm (in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East) to hear complaints and review and correct the assessment rolls. The panel will hear complaints as to:

- Ensure names and addresses of the owners are correct
- Parcels of land not abutting the water and/or sewer mains
- Errors or omissions respecting the inclusion of property on the roll

The revised Water, Sewer and RDN Parks Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday from March 29 until April 16 in the Finance Department. The panel will not hear a complaint unless written notice has been submitted to the City at least 48 hours prior to the appointed meeting time of the panel.

Annual Wood Chipping Program

The City's wood chipping program will take place from April 3 through April 24. To find out what days your area will be done, locate your street name on the list provided on the website and then correspond it by colour with the schedule.

Only the following items are to be placed on the boulevard before 8 am, prior to the first date the chipper truck will be in your neighbourhood:

- Branches with a maximum diameter of 6 inches (15 cm), stacked with the larger end of the branch or trunk facing the roadway.
- Smaller shrub branches piled for ease of access by the chipping crew.

Rocks, stumps and construction waste may cause injury to the chipper operators and must NOT be included in the piles. Please note that due to safety issues, materials such as pampas grass, yucca and clematis and wisteria vines cannot be chipped. These, along with other compostable vegetation, garden debris, leaves, and grass clippings may be taken to the Church Road Transfer Station (8 am to 5 pm daily). Piles containing these items will not be removed by the chipping crew.

Piles must be limited to a size of 5 feet wide by 3 feet high, and only one pile per residence will be removed by the chipping crew. Please do not combine piles from multiple households as it is more difficult and time consuming for the chipping crew to take apart large piles for chipping than it is for them to handle smaller piles. When placing your chipping pile, please be sure not to obstruct your property's City water connection box in the event access is required for maintenance.

Survey on Cannabis Regulations

The City is looking for input prior to determining which cannabis regulations to enact and how best to manage legalization in the best interests of residents. Input is an important part of this process to inform changes and updates to Parksville bylaws as well as new bylaws and policies to respond to cannabis legalization. A first step in the process is an online survey for residents which can be accessed from our website. If preferred, paper copies of the survey are available from the City. The survey closes March 31 and results will be presented to Council and the public in the spring.

ERWS Drinking Water Project Update

All concrete work for the water treatment plant is now complete. The steel structure for the raw water pump station should be finished within the next two weeks and then work on the steel structure for the treatment plant will begin. The Englishman River Water Service project continues to progress on budget and on time.

Emergency Preparedness Expo 2018 – April 28 • Everyone Welcome!

Hosted by Emergency Management Oceanside, Expo 2018 offers something for everyone and it's all free! Almost forty first responders, government agencies, emergency supply vendors, utilities and emergency partners will host a variety of activities to help emphasize the importance of taking steps to improve emergency preparedness and response. Displays, demonstrations and workshops to learn about the challenges we face in an emergency and how to be better prepared.



Expo 2018 will offer a series of free workshops for those who would like more in-depth info about preparedness in general. Pre-registration is required for the half-day workshops to emergencyservices@rdn.bc.ca or 250 390-6759.

Drop-in workshops (30-45 minutes in duration)

- 10 am Fire Safety for Homeowners
- 11:30 am Adventure Smart: Stay Safe on the Trails
- 1 pm Home Insurance 101
- 2:30 pm Age and Health Factors for Preparedness

Half-day workshops (3 hours)

- 9 am Post-Earthquake Rapid Damage Assessment
- 1 pm Disaster! Surviving the First Few Hours

Things to Know

- **Utility notices** - reminder to residents that utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling will be mailed later this month and are due April 30. If you do not receive your notice, please call 250 248-6144.
- **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. Rath Trevor Beach is closed to dogs until April 15 and Parksville Bay beach will be closed to dogs until April 30.

Things to Know

- **Watermain flushing** continues through early April, mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. 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.
- **Stage 1 water restriction** – in effect from April 1 to April 30, allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from water restrictions.
- **Community Park Splash Park** – on March 26 the contractor will begin construction of the new splash park to be ready for summer.
- **Oceanside Mother's Day Race** - check out the Oceanside Running Club event on May 13 which supports the Parksville Haven Society and also young athletes at Oceanside Track and Field Club. The event features a 10K run through Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park and a 5K course for runners, walkers and baby strollers along the Englishman River Estuary. Info and registration at orcarunning.ca. Online registration \$30; \$40 on race day.

City Dates

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)
April 4	Council Meeting
April 5	Coffee with Council
April 9	Budget Meeting
April 12	Advisory Design Panel
April 16	Council Meeting
April 19	Coffee with Council
April 26	Coffee with Council
May 3	Coffee with Council
May 7	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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THE SPRING SUMMER ACTIVE LIVING GUIDE is here, register for programs today.

Pick up a copy at Parksville City Hall.



Information at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena
830 W Island Hwy, Parksville
250-248-3252