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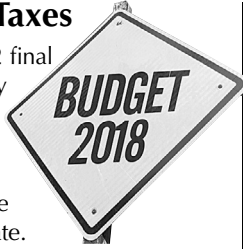
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### City Services

#### 2018 Budget and Property Taxes

Council recently approved the 2018-2022 final financial plan and set the overall property tax increase for 2018 at 4% for all classes except Class 5 light industry which was set at 11.5%. This increase is higher to equalize the light industry rate to be more in line with the business property class rate. The tax increase is budgeted to be 4% for 2018 through 2022.



The consolidated budget of just over \$56 million includes capital expenditures of \$30.8 million. Major capital in 2018 includes projects such as the new water intake and treatment facility, Corfield Street upgrade from Stanford to Highway 19A, Jensen Greenway, splash park replacement, Moss Avenue and McKinnon Street upgrades, watermain replacements, trail to Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park, new ladder truck for the fire department, other minor road replacements and completion of the new operations shop.

The City's budgeting process becomes more challenging each year as we are faced with external pressures such as increasing expectations, significant housing growth, legislative impacts by senior levels of government, homelessness and rising costs. The 2018 budget balances these challenges while continuing to deliver good value for money and also providing quality services for Parksville citizens.

When other government tax collections are added in, the total tax increase for the average priced residential property is about 2.98%. For a home with the average assessed property value (\$401,101 in 2018), the City portion of property taxes will increase by about \$56.03 from 2017. The Regional District of Nanaimo, regional wastewater, regional hospital and library taxes will decrease by about \$4 and the local school tax increased by about \$29. [Quicklinks/Reports/Financial Plans].

#### Portions of Parksville Wetlands Now Open

Earlier this year, the City closed sections of the Ermineskin parkland on recommendation of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC. Operations staff have now addressed many items which could be considered a risk to the public and portions of the park are now open. The City sees this as the first step in preserving the Parksville Wetlands as a natural area for citizens to enjoy.

In order to expedite the reopening of the wetlands, staff fenced off an area of concrete and metal debris on the knoll in the centre of the park until such time as access with machinery is possible. Unfortunately, access from the end of Foxtail Avenue to the wells road and towards Despard Avenue or Coldwater Road remains closed to the public. Signage has been placed at the end of Foxtail and at the start of the trail to the knoll in the centre of the park which advises crossing at the watercourse is not possible.

#### Alternate Route to Corfield

Over the next weeks, the contractor will remove the existing pavement and backfill to gravel prior to paving. As well, the contractor will excavate and prepare Corfield for new curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Because construction will be more general and across the entire site and traffic delays will most likely be longer, motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to choose an alternate route to Corfield Street. Less traffic on Corfield will benefit the contractor to meet the construction deadline of June 30.



#### Spring Mini Parks Event - June 9

The next event for the Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan is set for Saturday, June 9 from 11 am to 2 pm at Foster Park located on Sanderson Road. In partnership with the Friends of Foster Park, the Spring Mini Parks open house will feature games, food and project information.

Results from the March Parks on the Street event will be available and there will be additional opportunities through a "dotmocracy" voting activity to provide opinions on a series of options and ideas about City parks and trails network. VIU students promise this will be a fun and interactive event and hope to see everyone at Foster Park on June 9.

Working with VIU students, the City is updating the Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Park Master Plan. This project involves extensive analysis and asset inventory of all City park spaces, detailed GIS mapping, a qualitative assessment of park spaces, an evaluation of parks and trails connectivity and a needs/gap analysis. The results of the information gathered during public engagement sessions will be presented to the community throughout events in 2018 and will be used to provide data and information to enhance City spaces. A draft plan will be presented to Council in early 2019.

Foster Park is an example of one of Parksville's neighbourhood parks. Neighbourhood parks are interspersed throughout the City with different facilities. Foster Park is 2.72 hectares of park land tucked away just off Pym Street.

requirements and reporting for all local government election candidates as per the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act. For more information call 1 855 952-0280.

The City will offer information sessions geared to potential candidates and campaign workers; dates yet to be determined. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

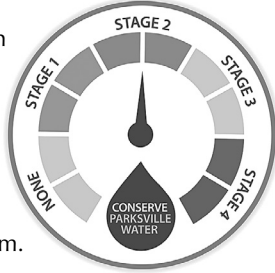
#### Mark Your Calendars!

General voting day is set for Saturday, October 20 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre and the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advanced polls will be held on Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 17 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre only.

Up-to-date election information is available on the website, accessible from a quicklink on the home page and on this page each month until the election on October 20.

### Things to Know

Water Restriction Stage 2 – is now in effect in the City through September unless otherwise advised. With Stage 2, sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses for a maximum of two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm. [Quicklinks/Water Conservation].



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 29. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

Coffee with Council – starting in June, Coffee with Council will be held twice a month on the first and third Thursdays from 2-4 pm. Please check the website for changes or cancellations.

### City Dates

May 17	Coffee with Council
May 21	Victoria Day (offices closed)
May 23	Council Meeting
May 24	Coffee with Council
June 4	Council Meeting
June 7	Coffee with Council
June 9	Spring Mini Parks Event
June 18	Council Meeting
June 19	Public Hearing
June 21	Coffee with Council
July 2	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 4	Council Meeting
July 5	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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#### Attention Voters!

When arriving to vote, you will be required to provide two pieces of identification; one containing your name and address, the other containing your name and signature. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification (with at least one with a signature) are still required and you will be required to make a "solemn declaration" as to your residency. A list of documents which may be accepted are included on the City's website [Council/Election].

#### Attention Candidates!

Voters will be electing candidates for a four-year term. Those elected in 2018 will serve on Council until November 2022. Elections BC will manage the financial