

July 17, 2018



The City, in partnership with Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning Program and Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute has begun a consultation strategy which will lead to the development of a new comprehensive Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan. One of the key elements in the strategy is engaging residents about their vision and priorities for parks and open spaces within the City as public engagement is an integral part of a new Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan.

#### **Online Survey**

On July 17, a survey will be available from the home page of the City's website with a series of questions to assist the VIU team to identify goals and priorities for the future of parks, trails and open spaces and also guide the development of the new master plan. We hope to learn what it is about these spaces our residents enjoy, what might be missing and also what changes our residents wish to see in the future.

The survey should take about ten minutes to complete and will be open from July 17 until August 10. Survey responses are anonymous and just one response per person please.



Summer in the City

Once again, we are pleased to be one of the community sponsors of the Quality Foods Canadian Open

Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition. Parksville Beach Festival with the world famous sand sculpting event is on until August 18. [parksvillebeachfest.ca]

Parksville Beach Festival has something for everyone! Here's a list of other activities in the Community Park over the next few weeks:

- Free summer concert series every Friday and Saturday night in the picnic shelter between July 20 and August 18. The August 11 concert will be held on the kite field, prior to the fireworks.
- Buskers in the Community Park gazebo most afternoons.
- Lions International Kite Festival July 21-22
- Art in The Park July 28-29
- Van Isle Shriners Show and Shine Car Show August 5
- Coast Capital Savings Sculpture Light Up August 10-11
- Quality Foods Festival of Lights Fireworks - August 11
- Quality Foods Children's Sandcastle
- Competition and Parksville Kidfest -August 12



And don't forget about summer markets which are now in full swing. Check out the Parksville Museum Farmers' Market on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm and the Summer by the Sea Street Market on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 pm on Craig Street.

**Residents Invited to Help** Shape The Future of Parksville's Parks and Trails

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#### **Open Houses**

Student led open houses will be held in the Atrium, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre as follows:

- Thursday, July 19 ..... 2 4 pm
- Wednesday, July 25 ...... 3 6 pm
- Tuesday, July 31 ..... 2 4 pm

The purpose of the open houses is to assist residents with the survey and answer questions about this project. A large scale map of City parks, trails and open spaces will be available to help anyone wishing to complete a paper copy of the survey.

At the Wednesday, July 25 open house, VIU students will present the consultation data completed to date and engage with residents to refine recommendations for the parks, trails and open spaces network. The open house will include dotmocracy posters, interactive maps and also an opportunity to speak with the students about ideas.

### LECTION Mark Your Calendars!

#### PARKSVILLE VOTES 2018

All voters will register on the day of voting, at either advance voting or on general voting day. 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.

Nomination packages will be available from the City's administration offices during regular office hours (8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays) from 9 am on Friday, July 27 to 4 pm on Friday, September 14.

#### Non-resident property owner

The property must be in the name(s) of individuals and not in the name of a company. If you own property in the City of Parksville, but live somewhere else in British Columbia, you may be eligible to vote as a *non-resident property elector* if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen: AND
- Are, or will be, 18 years of age or older (October 20, 2000) on or before general voting day; AND
- Have lived in BC for at least 6 months (as of April 19, 2018) prior to registration; AND
- Have owned the property in the City of Parksville for at least 30 days before you register to vote (as of September 19, 2018); AND
- You must not be eligible to register as a resident elector in the City of Parksville; AND
- Are not disqualified from voting by the Local Government Act or any other act.

Non-resident property electors must bring to the voting place, in addition to two pieces of acceptable identification, proof of ownership in the form of a tax notice, assessment notice or other legal documentation proving property ownership, such as a bill of sale issued prior to September 19. Non-resident property electors can only vote once, regardless of the number of properties they own in the City of Parksville.

# Things to Know

#### **Coffee with Council**

For the summer months, 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.

#### Water Restrictions

Stage 2 continues through September unless otherwise advised. Sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses and is permitted for a maximum of two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for not more than two hours per day. [Quicklinks/Water]



### **Grant-in-aid Program**

Info about the City's fall grant-in-aid applications is now available; deadline is 4 pm on August 31. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply. Information on the program, policy, instructions and application may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

## **City Dates**

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July 19	Coffee with Council
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July 25	VIU Open House
July 31	VIU Open House
August 2	Coffee with Council
August 6	BC Day (offices closed)
August 8	Council Meeting
August 9	Advisory Design Panel
August 16	Coffee with Council
August 20	Council Meeting
September 3	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 5	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

## **How To Reach Council**

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