



City of Parksville

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**ELECTION 2018**



**PARKSVILLE VOTES 2018**

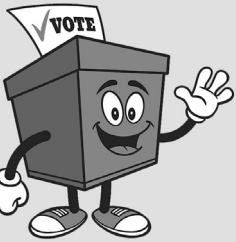
## Voting Day Only Registration

The City continues to use "Voting Day Only Registration" and no longer uses a voters' list. 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.

## General Voting Day

General voting date is Saturday, October 20 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East or the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church, 550 Pym Street, Parksville, BC.

You may vote at either the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church or at the Parksville Community Centre, however, whether you vote at an advance voting opportunity, or at one of the general voting day locations, you will be required to sign a written declaration that you have not voted previously at any other time or location during the election.



## Advance Voting

Advance voting takes place on Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 17 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East.

## When You Vote

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.

## Two Pieces of Identification

Residents must bring two pieces of identification; documents which may be accepted are:

- BC driver's licence
- BC identification card issued by Motor Vehicles Branch
- Owner's certificate of insurance and vehicle licence issued by ICBC
- BC Services Card (CareCard)
- Birth certificate
- SIN card issued by Human Resources Development Canada
- Canadian passport
- Citizenship card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Real property tax notice issued by City of Parksville
- Credit or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill for electricity, gas, water, phone or cable services

Everything you need to know to vote in the City of Parksville  
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## City Arborists Deal with Loss of Cedar Trees

City arborist staff are dealing with the devastating loss of cedar trees in our parks with hundreds of trees already inspected throughout our parks. Work has progressed on many parks with some work complete, some work scheduled and in some parks, no further action is needed at this time. Dead cedar trees are noted for standing safely for years and staff's priority is to inspect each tree to determine if they are hazardous or not. The dead cedar trees will remain on an inspection list and staff will monitor decline and determine if further action is necessary. Other tree species which tend to deteriorate more quickly may be removed as a higher priority.

We continue to plant hundreds of trees annually. Through a partnership with the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve and working with Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, TimberWest and Vancouver Island University we planted 1,000 trees at Top Bridge Park. As well, ornamental trees were planted in the Community Park, downtown and outer park areas and native species were replanted in Eagleview Park with plans for 600 more trees in our urban forested areas this year.

## Things to Know

**Cannabis Regulations** - A special Council meeting will be held on September 24 at 6 pm in the Forum regarding the regulation of recreational cannabis in the City of Parksville. Earlier this year following public consultation, Council received two reports on this subject. There will be opportunity for public input at the meeting.

**Stage 1 water restrictions** - in effect for October allow 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.

**Carbon Neutrality** - For the seventh year, the City successfully achieved its goal of corporate carbon neutrality for 2017 and was awarded Level 4 recognition. Some of the ways the City achieved this designation include the LED street light replacement program, smart light program and installation of motion sensors in City buildings, planting of drought resistant trees and plants and bike lanes for major road reconstruction. As well, the City continues to offer low flush toilet and rain barrel rebate programs. In 2017, the City purchased three electric/hybrid vehicles for the fleet and through the RDN we are a partner in the diversion of food waste in the regional waste collection program.

**Late payment of property taxes** - After the first due date of July 3, 2018, a penalty of 5% was added to the outstanding taxes. Another 5% penalty will be charged to current taxes after the second penalty date of September 28, 2018. These penalties are a requirement of the Community Charter and the City has no authority to either waive or modify these penalty amounts. A payment which is one day late is subject to the full amount of the penalty.

**False Alarm Bylaw** - Council recently approved an updated false alarm bylaw which enables increased enforcement when multiple false alarms occur on a single property and to recover some of the costs for responding to the calls. False alarms have a significant impact on the operations of the Parksville Fire Department and the Oceanside RCMP. Info on City's website and at City Hall.

## Fire Prevention Week Open House October 14

The Parksville Fire Department will host an open house on Sunday, October 14 from 10 am to 2 pm to recognize Fire Prevention Week. Residents are welcome to drop by for a little fun and most importantly, to learn about lifesaving strategies for fire prevention. Firefighters will offer tours and RCMP will check child car seats. The fire hall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

This year's theme is *Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere!* It's about the three essential steps to reducing the likelihood of having a fire and how you can safely escape... look, listen and learn.



## City Dates

September 20	Coffee with Council
September 24	Council Meeting
September 28	Second Property Tax Penalty
October 1	Council Meeting
October 4	Coffee with Council
October 8	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
October 10	Advance Voting Day
October 11	Advisory Design Panel
October 17	Advance Voting Day
October 20	Voting Day
November 5	Inaugural Council Meeting
November 8	Advisory Design Panel
November 12	Remembrance Day (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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