

November 20, 2018

## Welcome New Council

Congratulations to the new City of Parksville Council for the term 2018 to 2022. On November 5, Council was sworn in at a well-attended inaugural meeting. Adding to the ceremony was Mount Arrowsmith Piper Josh Dieleman, Pastor Paul Hawkes and Staff Sergeant Marc Pelletier and Auxiliary Constant Mike Dally with the Oceanside Detachment RCMP. The archived video from the event, the Mayor's inaugural address and Council appointments are available on the City's website.

Congratulations to the new Council (from left to right) Councillors Al Greir, Doug O'Brien and Marilyn Wilson, Mayor Ed Mayne, and Councillors Mark Chandler, Adam Fras and Teresa Patterson.



The City extends best wishes and appreciation to outgoing members of Council for their service to our community -Marc Lefebvre, Mary Beil, Kim Burden, Kirk Oates, Sue Powell and Leanne Salter.

#### **Special Events Applications**

Applications from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets are now being accepted with the review process starting January 30. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 29, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 30, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. The policy and forms are available on the website [City Hall/Special Events Procedures], from the operations department and at City Hall. For use of the sports fields and lacrosse box, contact RDN's Recreation and Parks fieldbooking@rdn.bc.ca. For information contact the operations department, 250 248-5412 or publicworks@ parksville.ca.

#### **Recruiting Now**

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is now recruiting for 2019 and is looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer

firefighters, an opportunity to be part of tradition. To find out if being a firefighter is in your future, please stop by department at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or pvfd.ca

#### Winter Conditions

Information about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City can be found on our website [Quicklink/Winter Conditions]. The website includes information on how residents can be prepared and how they can help.

## **City Services**

#### 2019 Dog Licences

Dog licence fees are due by January 31. Current dog licences will receive a reminder notice; if you do not receive a notice and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA.

- By January 31, spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30
- After January 31, spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/ neutered \$35

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.

#### **2019 Business Licences**

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2019 calendar year. Renewal invoices will be mailed the first week in December. Fees are due by January 31, 2019, and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1483 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. More information including information about the Inter-Community Business Licence may be found on the website [Business/Licences].

#### Home Owner Grant 2017

Deadline to claim a retroactive homeowner grant for 2017 (subject to qualifications) is December 31, 2018. Deadline to defer 2018 property taxes is also December 31, 2018. Please contact the City's finance department for more information.

# Things to Know

#### Join Mayor Mayne for Coffee

Residents are invited to join Mayor Mayne for Coffee with the Mayor, an informal chat on Thursday afternoons. Appointments are not necessary; residents are encouraged to drop by City Hall between 2 and 4 pm on Thursday afternoons. Started in 2009, this is a relaxed, comfortable forum for residents to meet the Mayor and ask questions, discuss issues and offer comments and suggestions; a chance to say what's on your mind. Coffee with the Mayor will run weekly through to December 13 with a new schedule for 2019 posted on the City's website. Please check the City's calendar to ensure no cancellations.

#### The RedDress Project

The City will once again participate in The REDress Project coordinated by the Parksville-Qualicum Canadian Federation of University Women. The display of twelve red dresses is intended to be a visual reminder of the more than 1,000 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada, whose cases remain unsolved. Dresses will be on display in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre from November 26 to December 10 and in other locations throughout Parksville and Qualicum Beach. The REDress display will formally open with a blessing on Tuesday, November 27 at 1:30 pm, in the Atrium, 100 Jensen Avenue West. The public is welcome to attend.

### **City Dates**

November 22	Coffee with the Mayor
November 29	Coffee with the Mayor
December 3	Council Meeting
December 6	Coffee with the Mayor
December 13	Advisory Design Panel
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December 17	Council Meeting
December 24-26	City offices closed
January 1	City 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.

## **How To Reach Council**

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