



City of Parksville

# it's your City!

December 18, 2018

[www.parksville.ca](http://www.parksville.ca)

**Enjoy the Holiday Season!**  
Council and staff wish you and yours  
a Merry Christmas and a happy,  
healthy, and prosperous 2019.

## Recruiting Now for 2019!

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department recruitment for 2019 is now underway. We are looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters, your opportunity to be part of tradition. To find out if firefighting is in your future, stop by the Parksville Fire Department at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca)



The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is entrusted to protect the community we proudly serve. Volunteer firefighters play an important role in providing a timely response to emergency situations. We are looking for responsible and accountable team players who are willing to volunteer as firefighters.

You need to live in the Parksville fire protection area (ideally within City boundaries), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between the ages of 19 and 60 for regular members. Paid on call firefighters respond to emergencies 365 days a year. You will be trained, you will be challenged and your life will change. More details and applications are available from the firehall and the PVFD website [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca). Application deadline is March 1 at 4 pm.

## Practice Night Open House – January 21

An opportunity to see firsthand what's involved in training to be a volunteer firefighter; to observe a practice, ask questions and chat with members and officers. Please arrive by 6.45 pm and stay as long as you wish. Firehall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

## New Website for Parksville Fire

Check out [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca), the Parksville Fire Department's new website launched just last week. We're pretty sure you will like the modern look, it's mobile friendly and there's much more info including recruitment, fire and life safety tips and links to the department's social media sites. New features and content will be added over the next few months.



## City Services

### 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 [\[Business/Licences\]](http://Business/Licences).

### 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 Council Meetings

Council appointments to committees, boards, commissions and associations from November 6, 2018, to November 4, 2019, have been added to the website [\[City Hall/Mayor and Council\]](http://City Hall/Mayor and Council) and the schedule of 2019 Council meetings is posted on the notice board at City Hall and on the website calendar. Coffee with Council will start up again on January 10 from 2-4 pm at City Hall.

### Winter Conditions

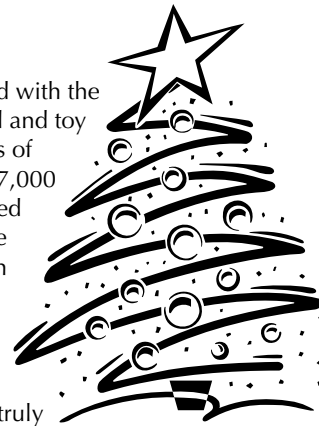
Reminder to residents that snow clearing from sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners who should ensure snow removed from the sidewalks is not deposited on the adjoining roadway. During heavy snowfall, in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic, adjacent to City-owned property, during regular office hours, crews will support public sidewalk clearing through use of snow blowers and other snow removal equipment as resources allow.

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

## Things to Know

### Food and Toy Drive Thank You Parksville!

The fire department was thrilled with the results of the 2018 annual food and toy drive held last month. Upwards of 27,000 pounds of food and \$27,000 in cash donations were collected door to door in the Parksville fire protection area for the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Service. The success of this year's drive and the generosity of the community and food drive volunteers was truly overwhelming. *Thank you Parksville!*



### Holiday Office Closures

City offices and operations will be closed on December 24, December 25, December 26 and January 1. For after-hours emergency, phone 250 248-6144 (4 pm to 8 am, Monday to Friday, weekends and holidays).

### 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. Contact the City's finance department for more information.

## City Dates

December 24-26	City offices closed
January 1	City offices closed
January 10	Coffee with Mayor
January 17	Coffee with Mayor
January 21	Council meeting
February 4	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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Pick up your **Active Living Guide** at City Hall.

Register now for programs starting this January.

For more information please contact: RDN Recreation & Parks  
Oceanside Place Arena 250-248-3252 or  
Ravensong Aquatic Centre 250-752-5014



[www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation)