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Memorial Avenue

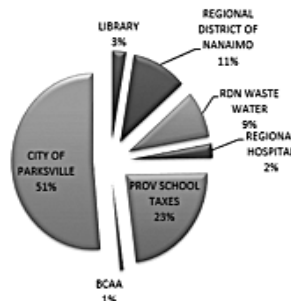
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City Delivers Balanced Budget

The City delivered a balanced budget for the 2019 financial year with Council setting the overall property tax increase for 2019 at 2.5% for all classes except Class 5 light industry, set at 10%. This increase is higher in order to equalize the light industry rate to be more in line with the business property class rate. The tax increase is budgeted to be 3% for 2020 and 3.5% for 2021 to 2023.

2019 Property Tax Distribution



The consolidated budget of just over \$37.5 million includes capital expenditures of \$16.3 million. Major capital in 2019 includes such projects as the new water treatment project, land acquisition, pickleball courts, playground resurfacing, Pym and Forsyth refurbishment, Moss Avenue and McKinnon Street upgrade, trail to Rathrevor Beach Provincial Park, new ladder and rescue trucks for the fire department and other minor road replacements. [Quicklinks/Reports/Financial Plans]

Memorial Ave Project Underway

The City has launched the Memorial Avenue streetscape and utility upgrades project which will plan, design and construct upgrades to aging underground water and sanitary sewer lines along Memorial as well as improvements to the streetscape with the aim to maintain the historic street trees and enhance their health. The work will include replacement of underground utilities, including existing asbestos cement water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer mains with modern PVC pipes. Improvements to vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle movements, formalization of street parking and improved utilization of public spaces will be incorporated into the streetscape design. Streetlighting will be upgraded to energy-efficient LED.

An assessment of the trees will provide an understanding of condition and opportunities to enhance their health and a comprehensive public consultation process will engage the community to ensure input is heard and considered prior to design and construction.

Memories on Memorial Walkshop - June 22

Residents are invited to join a walking tour beginning at the McMillan Arts Centre to celebrate the history of Memorial Avenue and collect input about the vision for the future of the street. *Memories on Memorial Walkshop* will share the history of the street, information about the century old elm trees and discuss considerations for the design concept. Input will help shape the street design and inform the project team about the community's vision for Memorial. An online story map will complement this event and share the same information for those not able to attend. Pre-registration is required. Details will be posted to our website later this month. Please email questions about the project to memorialave@parksville.ca

Let's Talk Parksville

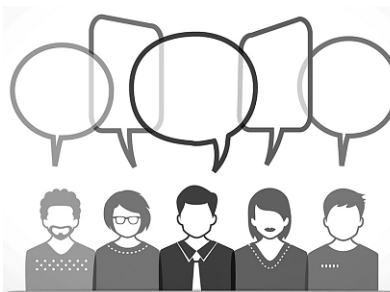
We recently launched a new citizen engagement platform called, *Let's Talk Parksville*, intended to provide an easy and secure way for residents to participate online. This forum will improve the City's tools for community engagement and we hope, change the way our residents share ideas and access information about City programs, services and decisions.

With *Let's Talk Parksville*, residents will be able to share their ideas and feedback on specific projects and initiatives and will be able to see what others are saying. As the platform becomes more established and popular with residents we will add other elements for participation such as forums where participants can engage with each other, "virtual post-it notes" and maps to gather feedback and stories.

Comments are moderated by the host of this platform, Engagement HQ and the City of Parksville. When submitting ideas and comments, please keep them positive and constructive. The goal for this site is to bring residents together, reflecting on what we can all contribute so Parksville is the best place to live, work and visit. Let us know what you think! www.letstalkparksville.ca

Priorities Survey Extended

Deadline for the Council priorities survey is now June 18 to provide residents the opportunity to comment further on the subjects being discussed at Committee of the Whole meetings on May 22 (recreation and healthcare), June 3 (affordable housing) and June 17 (downtown revitalization and economic development). We have had great response from residents and hope to be able to capture more input. Survey is available on the home page of the City's website. Results from the survey will be presented to Council on July 3.



MABRRI Regional Conference

The 2019 Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Regional Research Conference, *Understanding our Biosphere Region: Collaborating on Initiatives for Sustainability*, is aimed at bringing together people striving to influence positive change in both practice and policy in the mid-Vancouver Island area. The conference includes three keynote presentations by Dr Amanda Wager, Mark Holland and Dr Isobel Pearsall, as well as breakout sessions and poster series from a variety of researchers from the region to learn about sustainable research and initiatives occurring in our backyards. The event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with local researchers and professionals and find ways to get involved with their initiatives. June 12-14 at the Parksville Community Centre. [mabrri.viu.ca/2019-regional-research-conference/]

THINGS TO KNOW...

June 17 Council Meetings - will be held at Knox United Church starting with Committee of the Whole at 4 pm and the Council meeting at 6 pm.

Reduced Water Pressure - on May 22 for residents in the vicinity of Maple Crescent, Hamilton and Butler Avenues between Craig Street and City boundary to the east.

Water Restriction Stage 2 - 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 28. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan - final draft will be presented to Council on May 22 and may be viewed from the City's website.

City Dates

- May 22 COTW/Council Meeting
- June 3 COTW/Council Meeting
- June 6 Coffee with Council
- June 17 COTW/Council Meeting (Knox United Church)
- June 20 Advisory Design Panel
- June 20 Coffee with Mayor
- June 22 Memorial Walkshops
- July 1 Canada Day (offices closed)
- July 3 Council Meeting
- July 4 Coffee with Mayor

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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