



City of Parksville

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City Budget Process

Budget 2020 discussions will be conducted in October and November to determine the City's financial plan for 2020 through 2024. Residents are invited to attend budget deliberation meetings at 6 pm in the Forum.



- Monday, October 28
- Thursday, November 21
- Monday, November 25 (if required)

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council would like to receive comments and suggestions from residents. Here is how you can contribute to the discussion:

- Comment in person at the meetings on October 28 and November 21. Council will provide opportunities for questions, comments and suggestions from the public.
- Watch the meeting live online through the City's webstreaming. Video from the meeting is archived to be viewed at another time.
- Email comments/questions to council@parksville.ca

Comments should be received by October 23 for the October 28 meeting and by November 20 for the November 25 meeting. Please note comments will form part of the public record. If you are not familiar with the City's budget information, the municipal budgets and financial plans may be viewed from the website.

FOOD & TOY DRIVE



This year's Parksville Fire annual food and toy drive is set for Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17 from 9 am to 4 pm. Firefighters will collect donations of non-perishable food and new toys for the Salvation Army, door-to-door throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Cash donations are also welcome.

The week prior to the food drive, through the local newspapers, Quality Foods will provide paper bags for groceries. If residents are not able to be at home, please leave the bag in a carport or by the door.

During the collection weekend, it may not be possible for volunteers to get to every household. If we miss a home, please bring any non-perishable food items and/or new, unwrapped toys to the Parksville Fire Hall. Cash donations are also welcomed. The department is also looking for apartment building ambassadors, residents willing to coordinate donations of food and toys for their building.

Recruiting Now for 2020!

The Parksville Fire is gearing up for recruitment 2020. The department is looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters; the recruitment campaign will begin in January. For info stop by the Parksville Fire Department at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or visit parksvillefirerescue.ca

VOYENT ALERT! Notification System

Provided by the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach, *Voyent Alert!* is a multi-purpose communication service which will be used to send alerts to residents, businesses and visitors during critical events such as floods or fire as well as relevant day-to-day communications such as road closures, snow removal and water advisories.

Register Now for the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Notification System

Download the Free *Voyent Alert!* App or register online at <http://register.voyent-alert.com>

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Anyone who registers for the Parksville-Qualicum Beach notification system will receive personalized information such as the distance and direction from an incident and preferred evacuation routes from locations the subscriber chooses. The service allows registrants to create and set multiple locations such as workplace, a child's school or a relative's home. Notifications about life-safety events related to those locations will then be sent to registrants through the *Voyent Alert!* system on whichever communications method has been selected.

Alerts can be sent over mobile apps, text/SMS, email or voice dial. You can register for one or more of these channels and smart alerting capabilities ensure notification when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are tracking. Registration is FREE, simple and anonymous.

NEED HELP TO SIGN UP?

We are offering two dates to ask questions or get help to sign up for *Voyent Alert!*:

- November 12 from 10 am to 1 pm
Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East
- November 14 from noon to 3 pm
Qualicum Beach Town Hall, lower lobby

BC ShakeOut - October 17 at 10.17 am

Reminder to residents to register for the 2019 Great BC Shakeout drill. It's a great way for families or businesses to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from major earthquakes.

Drop, Cover, Hold On – drop to the ground, take cover under a table or desk and hold on as if a real earthquake was occurring. It's a chance to learn what you should do if you have a disability or physical limitation. And while taking cover, look around and imagine what would happen in a major earthquake. What would fall? What would be damaged? Then, consider what you would do after the shaking stops. Info and resources at shakeoutbc.



Leaves on Streets

Fall street sweeping by the City is intended to remove leaves which fall onto the streets and may result in blocked catch basins and safety hazards for cyclists. Leaf control is the responsibility of property owners. Leaves must not be raked or blown from lawns onto the street in anticipation of the City's sweeper truck. Doing so overwhelms the capacity of the sweeper and when blown across sidewalks, may compromise pedestrian safety. Blowing or raking leaves into the gutter is illegal and subject to a fine of \$75 (Traffic Bylaw 1436).



Things to Know

- **Utility notices for the City** - are due October 31. If you have not received your notice in the mail, please contact the finance department at 250 248-6144.

City Dates

October 17	Advisory Design Panel
October 17	Coffee with the Mayor
October 21	Council Meeting
October 28	Special Council Meeting – Budget
October 31	Utilities due
November 4	Council Meeting
November 7	Coffee with Mayor
November 11	Remembrance Day (offices closed)
Nov. 16 & 17	Parksville Fire Food and Toy Drive
November 18	Council Meeting
November 21	Special Council Meeting - Budget
November 21	Coffee with Council
November 21	Advisory Design Panel
November 25	Special Council Meeting - Budget
December 2	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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Ed Mayne.....	250 954-4661
COUNCILLORS	
Mark Chandler.....	250 951-6651
Adam Fras.....	250 228-3727
Al Greir.....	250 248-1285
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Teresa Patterson.....	250 954-9488
Marilyn Wilson.....	250 954-3060

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